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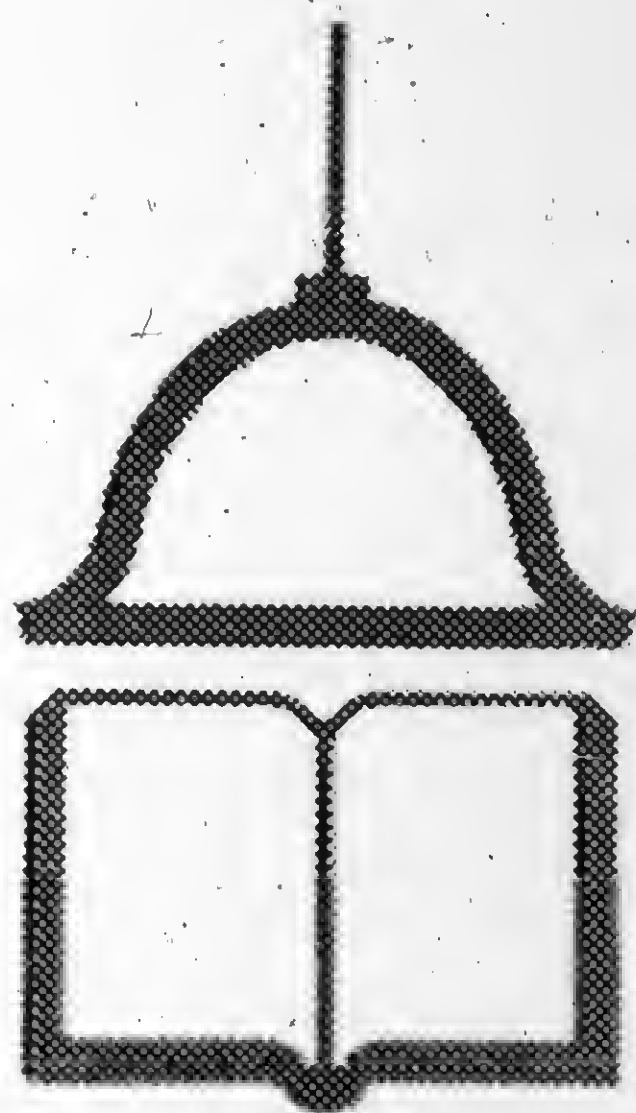
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## Oak Lawn Tax Levy Higher than 1999

Oak Lawn Property Tax Levy  
By F J Soczek

On December 12, 2000, the Oak Lawn Village Board unanimously approved, without comment or discussion, a tax levy ordinance in excess of 13 million dollars.

The \$13,075,358 will be "levied upon all of the taxable property in the Village of Oak Lawn for the purpose of providing for a Police Pension Fund, Fire Pension Fund, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, Public Benefit Fund, Corporate Fund and Public Library Fund."

As noted on the draft ordinance prepared by Village legal counsel, the document was available for public inspection at the Public Library and Village Clerk's office since the middle of November. In addition, a public hearing was held December 4, 2000.

Finance Director Gail Paul quickly read the bottom line figures.

And despite a larger than usual, pre-holiday meeting turnout, no one spoke up to question any of the expenditures on the 22 page document (as distributed to the Press).

The statistics presented by Village Manager Joseph Faber in his memorandum dated December 7, 2000 list the Bond and Interest figures in the 1999 Extended Levy as \$614,526.

In a memorandum prepared by Faber October 14, 1999, Bond and Interest figures for the 1999 Proposed Tax Levy are listed as \$373,050.

In the latter memo, submitted for approval at the November 9, 1999 Village Board meeting, \$12,485,092 was listed as the total amount assessed on all properties subject to taxation for the year 1999.

In Faber's most recent memo (December 7, 2000) this figure appears as \$12,475,404.

With Bond & Interest amounts of \$614,526, the total 1999 Extended Levy, according to Faber's calculations, comes to \$13,089,930.

Using the latter figure, the year 2000 tax levy of \$13,075,358 appears to be \$14,572 less than the 1999 "Extended" levy.

If the "total" (exact wording of the ordinance) amount of the 1999 levy (\$12,485,092) is compared with the "total" amount (\$13,075,358) of the 2000 levy, this year's levy appears to be over a half-million dollars higher, at \$590,266.

The explanation of the expenses incurred by Village taxpayers in the summary document appears cursory, at best.

For example "legal expenses and litigation" costs are listed at \$366,500 for fiscal year 2000. This breaks down to over \$7,000 per week, or \$176.20 per hour--8 hours per day, 40 hours per week for an entire year.

Another area of rather vague and nondescript accountability is the expenditure repeatedly listed as "Conference, travel, and training."

In the budget for the Village President and the Board of Trustees, \$32,615 was allocated for the latter. In addition, \$11,040 was set aside for "meeting and car allowance." This account also includes \$15,000 for "memberships," as well as \$20,000 allocated as "contingency."

Rounding off the President's and Trustee's budget is \$11,100 for "Supplies, code books and other expenses."

"Conference, travel and training" appears to be quite a popular expenditure throughout the Village.

The Office of Quality Control listed \$9,300; Public Works (Streets) \$6,532; Public Works (Equipment Maintenance) \$5,379 and Public Works (Water & Sewer) \$3,860.

Office of Administrative Services, \$8,000; Village Manager, \$3,800; Family Services, \$2,800; Police & Fire Commission, \$4,000; Appeals Board, \$4,400 (includes "advertising") and the Planning & Development Commission, \$4,400.

The Civil Service Commission listed \$1,300; the Business Development Commission, \$6,144 (which includes "subscriptions") and the Senior Citizens Commission reserved \$1,400.

dinosaurs come to life through the work of the performers whose bodies fuse with the dinosaur puppets as they move their immense heads, arms, and tails with the aid of poles, strings and casters.

The Teens and these amazing creatures will charm both adults and children as

Even the often overlooked Historic Preservation Commission wanted in on the the action.

It included \$550 for "Conference, travel and meeting expenses" in its modest \$5,350 budget.

## Grassroots Homeschoolers

Grassroots Homeschoolers is a non-sectarian support and information group for families that choose to educate their children at home. Grassroots Homeschooler meet on the first and third Wednesday of every month from 11:30 am until 2:30 pm at St. Paul's Fellowship Hall located at 6203 Vollmer Road, in Matteson, IL.

Our group provides the children with a variety of quality educational opportunities, activities, fieldtrips, and programs. There are so many clubs and groups in which children may participate, such as: 4-H, Science, TaeKwonDo, Kids for Saving the Earth and Drama.

On Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, we will be hosting a high energy science presentation called Mad Science. Program begins at 12:30 noon. There will be a \$2.00 donation per family for members and \$4.00 per family for non members.

On Wednesday, Jan. 17th, we will have Pioneer Days. There will be a \$2.00 donation per family for members and \$4.00 per family for non members. For further information about Grassroots Homeschoolers or homeschooling in general, please contact Arlene at (708) 720-1637 or Karen at (708) 877-6077.

they present a colorful story of dinosaur evolution. Performances travel through the exhibitions Life over Time and Sue. Free with Museum admission. Call (312) 665-7400.



## Yourell sworn in

On Tuesday, December 5, Commissioner Harry "Bus" Yourell, was sworn in for a six year term as Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. Commissioner Yourell was sworn in by Judge George Morrissey, for his third six year term. This was also the fortieth time that the Commissioner was elected to Public Office. He is pictured with his wife Millie.

## Kremlin Gold: 1000 years of Russian gems and jewels

Untold riches of gold, silver, and precious gems. The jewel encrusted crowns of the tsars. Priceless icons of the church. The grand pageant of Russian history unfolds with incomparable brilliance in the treasures of the Moscow-Kremlin State Armory Museum. Kremlin Gold brings to Chicago 120 works of gems and jewels from this national treasury. Remnants of imperial and clerical life, these breathtaking pieces were passed down as heirlooms to the tsars and grand princes.

In an exhibition of stunning opulence, Kremlin Gold reveals the splendor of Russia's cultures, the drama of its history, the beauty of its art, and the richness of its natural resources. Cost is ba-

sic admission plus \$5 adults; \$2.50 children; and \$4 seniors and students. On Wednesdays, tickets are \$6 for adults; \$3 children 3-11, and \$4 seniors and students with ID. For information, call (312) 922-9410. For advance tickets, call Ticketmaster at (312) 902-1500 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

## Sue Hendrickson returns

Sue Hendrickson, discoverer of Sue the T. rex, is making her first public appearance in 2001 at the Field to celebrate the opening of Kinetosaurs and to debut her new autobiography Hunt for the Past: My Life As an Explorer. In her book, a publication of Scholastic Books, Hendrickson tells of her many adventures, from diving for the lost city of Cleopatra, to digging for dinosaurs and discovering Sue.

Visitors can meet Hendrickson and have their books signed. Call (312) 922-9410.

## Dancing with dinosaurs: The story of Sue

The Field Museum and Music Theatre Workshop present the Teens Together Ensemble in Dancing with Dinosaurs: The Story of Sue,

a 30 minute musical featuring two colossal puppets created especially for The Field Museum.

In a song and performance, the puppets and teens represent Sue as she tells the audience how her skeleton reveals her story, the evolution of the dinosaurs, and life over time. These spectacular



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### Great figures in Russian history

Find out more about Ivan the Terrible, Peter the Great, Catherine the Great, Nicholas II and other major figures in Russian history whose stories are linked to objects in the exhibition Kremlin Gold: 1000 years of Russian Gems and Jewels.

Dr. James Clacraft, Professor of History and a Senior University Scholar at the University of Illinois at Ch-

cago, is an internationally recognized authority and author of seven books in this field. Cost is \$12, \$10 students, \$8 members. Call (312) 665-7400.

### Chicago Army man arrived

Army Pvt. Ray I. Montez has arrived for duty at Schofield Barracks, Oahu.

He is the son of Pamela A. Thompson of Washtenaw ave., Chicago, Ill., and Alan G. Montez of Lamon Ave., Burbank, Ill.

## Greenspan focus on predatory lending

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan is to be congratulated for his call to crack down on predatory lending practices, according to State Senator Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park), who has been working since April 1999 to protect consumers from similar practices in Illinois.

O'Malley is the sponsor of the Illinois law (Senate Bill 355) that authorizes the state Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) to promulgate rules for its licensees that are necessary and appropriate to protect Illinois consumers from predatory lending practices and abuses in the payday loan industry.

"Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan is taking on those financial institutions that use predatory lending practices. I welcome his attention to this matter because it boots our efforts targeting those financial institutions in Illinois that prey on consumers," O'Malley said. "Senate Bill 355 expressly authorized the Department of Financial Institutions to adopt rules designed to protect consumers. As a result, the Governor has recently announced a broad plan to attack predatory lending in Illinois."

The Office of Banks and Real Estate has been working with DFI to develop rules to combat predatory lending

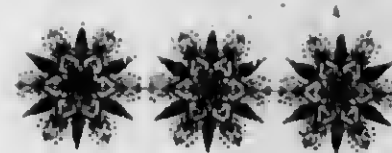
practices.

Senate Bill 355 also authorizes DFI to rein in the reported abuses of the payday and car title loan industries.

"Short term loans can provide a short term financial bridge for consumers and fill a market niche, but lending abuses and predatory practices in short term loan marketing, lending and collection practices call for intensified regulatory and legislative scrutiny," O'Malley said.

The 18th District Senator thinks it is important to give local officials some authority to keep these businesses out of their communities. He took the lead on this issue because of concerns expressed to him by Oak Lawn officials about the proliferation of such businesses in their community. He first convened public hearings about the payday and car title loan industry in April 1999 in Oak Lawn.

Pay day loan companies are licensed under the Consumer Installment Loan Act. They make short term loans (payday to payday) and take the borrower's postdated check as collateral. Interest and finance charges for these types of loan transactions are reported to exceed 300% per year. Car title lenders lend money against a signed motor vehicle title and a spare set of keys.



### Dinos under the big top

Join us in the exhibition Kinetosaurs for a carnival of interactive dinosaur activities. Apply your dino insights to intriguing questions about anatomy, art, engineering and life sciences. Free with admission to Kinetosaurs. Call (312) 665-7400.

### Anguish, aspiration and achievement in Russian Culture

Join Dr. James H. Billington in exploring how Russia's rich tradition of art, spirituality and culture throws light on the country's historical development and its current political prospects.

In his book, *The Face of Russia*, Dr. Billington identifies a recurring pattern in the Russian creative process that offers insight into the origin and resolution of Russia's contemporary problems. Dr. Billington is one of the nation's leading experts on Russia and has been a policy advisor to several presidential administrations.

A past Rhodes scholar and former professor of modern history at Harvard and Princeton Universities, Dr. Billington is currently the Librarian of Congress. Cost is \$18; Students/Educators \$15; Members \$12. Call (312) 665-7400.

### Kinetoaurs: Putting some teeth into art and science

Sculptor John Payne has created a small army of life size dinosaurs as moving, clanking, roaring creatures of salvaged steel. Visitors can interact with the kinetic dinosaur sculptures -- including a Sue-size T. Rex! -- making them graze, hunt and defend themselves much as they might have done, tens of millions of years ago. Visitors and gallery assistants activate the sculptures through an ingenious system of wires and pulleys, rings and levers.

Learning stations offer a host of opportunities to apply dino-insights to anatomy, art, engineering, and life sciences. Cost is Basic Admission plus \$6 for adults, \$4 for children (3-11), \$5 for seniors and students. Discount combination tickets are available. Call (312) 922-9410.

### Family fossil hunt at Mazon Creek

Do you like to hunt fossils? Come with us to Mazon Creek where geology specialist David Dolak will reveal special techniques for collecting fossils. You'll discover what northern Illinois looked like 300 million years ago. If you're lucky, you might find a prehistoric jellyfish, shrimp or plant. Cost is \$32 per participant, \$27 for members. Call (312) 665-7400.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### The true meaning of Christmas

By: Carlene O'Connor

Sunday, December 24, 2000 at approximately 7:30 p.m. my family and I received a gift that freezing night that could not be put in a box, wrapped with pretty paper or adorned with a fancy bow. We received the gift of kindness from a wonderful young man named Arthur Risner, a senior at Carl Sandburg High School.

We were returning home from Christmas Eve dinner when our car got a flat tire. My husband pulled off the road and into a side drive. He tried to fix the flat but the lug nuts were frozen. I called 911 and pleaded with the dispatcher to please call a service truck to help us. Being in unincorporated Orland Park we were the responsibility of the Cook County

Sheriff Police Department. One and a half hours and three calls to 911 later, the dispatcher told me that the Sheriff Police does not call emergency services, and since we were on private property they could do nothing for us. I was told to call 411 to get a telephone number of a service truck. Our thanks to those who are paid to serve and protect.

Out of the dark appeared a young, who told us he had just woke up and saw us in the driveway. He asked what the problem was and immediately responded with I will fix this. With very little words he went to get the proper tools, and began to change the tire in sub-zero weather. Arthur Risner's grandparents arrived home

and took us inside. They gave strangers the warmth of a loving home, offered hot tea and coffee. Millie the family dog was friendly and entertained us. Within an hour our car was in running condition due to Arthur Risner and his grandfather, and neither would accept compensation for their efforts.

This wonderful young man and his family reminded my family of the true meaning of Christmas. Carl Sandburg High School and the Village of Orland Park, should be proud to have a fine young man as Arthur in their midst.

Thank you Arthur Risner and your family. We will never forget you.

Jerry & Arlene O'Connor

### Worth Township Senior Citizen Organization

The Worth Township Senior Citizen Organization is looking for an instructor to teach both machine and hand quilting. We would be offering a six week course held on Tuesday afternoons starting in February. We have sewing machines available.

If you would be interested or know someone who would like to teach this class, please call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28, the Senior Room and talk to Jean. The Senior Room at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip, is open five days a week from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

*Don't miss an issue!*

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# Seniors Ask: Illinois Department of Aging

## Never say never no matter what your age

by Margo E. Schreiber

**QUESTION:** My wife and I are in our early 70's, still live in our home and our income is just about \$25,000 (which includes Social Security payments, my pension and money earned from my wife's part time job in a retail store). We have to really budget in order to keep up with the rising costs of all the prescriptions we're supposed to take. Some of my friends have mentioned getting help from the state. What kind of help is available?

**ANSWER:** You'll never know how timely your question is! Starting January 1, 2001, you may be able to qualify for the state's Circuit Breaker/Pharmaceutical Assistance Program.

The State has operated this program for a number of years to provide low income seniors with financial relief including help in paying for prescription drugs.

Seniors all over the country, especially those living on fixed incomes, have struggled with the escalating cost of prescription medications. Some have even skipped buying groceries to get the prescriptions they need.

Last Spring, the Illinois General Assembly crafted a plan to make prescription drugs more affordable. Legislation expanded the Circuit Breaker/

Pharmaceutical Assistance Program and was signed by Governor George H. Ryan. As I mentioned, the expansion went into effect January 1, 2001.

There are many seniors like you whose income may have been too high to qualify for this program before. But, you might be able to now — it depends on your individual circumstances. That is why if your income meets guidelines discussed below, you should fill out an application properly, and wait patiently while it's processed.

Remember, the state is dealing with an overwhelming number of applications. Those who should apply are disabled persons and people age 65 or older who need prescriptions for the following: heart, blood pressure, diabetes, arthritis, cancer, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, glaucoma, lung disease and smoking related illnesses.

These are the new income guidelines: less than \$21,218 for a one person household; less than \$28,480 for a two person household; and less than \$35,740 for a three person household.

If you meet income guidelines and you need prescriptions covered by the program, then you may have to pay a small cost to participate in the program. That depends on income, as

well. If a participant's income is below the federal poverty level, (currently that is \$8,350 a year) then he or she pays only \$5 to participate. They would pay no additional prescription costs. If however, they live above the federal poverty level like you, then they would pay \$25 to participate (per person) plus \$3 for each prescription (per person). This is quite a savings. And, consider how much you would save over a number of years.

What is more, within the course of the state's fiscal year (July 1 through July 30), the state will pay for \$2,000 for your prescriptions before you have to share a 20% cost for the remainder of that fiscal year.

Now, the important question you are probably asking, is, "Well, where do I sign up?"

The Circuit Breaker/Pharmaceutical Assistance Program is administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue, but the Illinois Department on Aging is helping with applications and questions.

You can call the Illinois Department on Aging's Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 or your local Area Agency on Aging to get an application. Keep in mind, we have a lot of eager first time applicants, so please be patient. The state is trying to accommodate many thousands

of people within a reasonable time frame.

I do hope you qualify. The expansion of the Circuit Breaker/Pharmaceutical Assistance Program shows that the voices of seniors and their caregivers have been heard and acted upon in Springfield. It is truly going to be beneficial to many people, and the changes have made other states look to Illinois as a model.

If you would like more information about the program or application process, please call the Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 or look us up on the web at <http://www.state.il.us/aging/>, or write to:

Seniors Ask  
c/o Margo E. Schreiber,  
Director  
Illinois Department of Aging  
421 E. Capitol Ave., #100  
Springfield, IL 62701-1789

Traditions Club of Founders Bank is inviting anyone 50 or better to a very special presentation by Vic Mesko. Mr. Mesko will share his experiences about his Mount Everest expedition that he undertook at age 67.

Vic Mesko was born in the pre-World War II generation. He's seen mini-shirts come and go -- twice, he's lived through the "me-generation" and the "Age of Aquarius." Vic Mesko is 76 years young and enjoys taking on new challenges. In fact, Mesko has taken on challenges during the last 20 years that people half his age wouldn't even think about.

Mesko is an extraordinary human being. As he explains, in his late fifties when he started feeling lousy, he began to slowly get into shape. He went from walking, to casual jogs to marathons.

What's amazing is that he competed in his first triathlon in 1983 at the age of 69. Mesko, who hails from Evergreen Park, went on to become an award winning triathlete who was the only Illinois resident in his age bracket (65-69 at the time) to compete in the First World Triathlon Championship in Avignon, France.

At age 67 Vic Mesko took on what was to become the greatest challenge of his life -- a chance to climb Mount Everest, the world's tallest mountain, a half a world away from Evergreen Park. We invite you to join us and catch his spirit and enthusiasm about his life's experiences on January 22, 2001 at 10:00 am at 7103 W. 111th Street, Worth. For registration or information, please call Club Director, Carol Moskal at (708) 671-2335.

## Circuit breaker expansion among new laws

As many as 500,000 more senior citizens and disabled individuals in Illinois could receive financial assistance with property taxes and certain prescription medicines beginning Jan. 1, 2001, according to State Senator Christine Radogno (R-LaGrange).

One of dozens of new laws that take effect Jan. 1, House Bill 3872 expands the state's Circuit Breaker and Pharmaceutical Assistance Program. Other new laws will give senior citizens more housing options, make prescriptions cards easier to use, and give taxpayers more rights with local governments.

House Bill 3872 expands the Circuit Breaker and Pharmaceutical Assistance Program by increasing the income eligibility to \$21,218 for a one person household, \$28,480 for a two person household, and \$35,740 for households with three or more persons.

The Circuit Breaker program provides annual grants to reimburse eligible persons for some of the money they paid for property taxes, mobile home taxes, rent or nursing home charges. Homeowners can receive grants up to \$700 minus

4.5% of total household income, or the amount of their property tax bill minus 3.5% of household income, whichever is less. For renters, 25% of a rent payment is considered property tax. For mobile home residents, the mobile home privilege tax is considered property tax.

The Pharmaceutical Assistance program -- which already helps pay part of the costs for heart, arthritis and diabetes medicines -- will be expanded to help pay for medications for Parkinson's cancer, Alzheimer's, glaucoma, lung disease, and smoking related illnesses. The annual program fee will be reduced to \$5 or \$25, depending on the recipient's income. Also the co-payment will only be \$0 to \$3 per prescription, depending on income. After cardholders reach a \$2,000 annual cap, they must pay 20% of costs.

Persons who are at least 65 years of age, and disabled persons who are at least 16 years of age by Jan. 1 of the year in which the claim is filed and who meet criteria for total disability under the guidelines of the Social Security Administration, may be eligible for the Circuit Breaker and Pharmaceutical Assistance Program.

Senior citizens who qualify for the Circuit Breaker and Pharmaceutical Assistance Program may also be eligible to purchase their automobile license plates for \$24 for one of their cars. Another new law, House Bill 427, creates new types of assisted living facilities that will offer senior citizens some assistance but allow them to maintain their independence. Licensed and regulated by the Illinois Department of Public Health, these facilities would provide residents with three meals per day, housekeeping service, laundry services, security and assistance with daily living activities.

House Bill 4176 streamlines the prescription filling and claim filing processes to minimize patient and pharmacist confusion and waiting times. The bill requires health plans who issue prescription cards to include specific information to speed up the process.

Senate Bill 1440 requires units of local government to review tax returns in a timely manner, notify taxpayers of proposed audits, identify overpayments to taxpayers so they can recover the overpayments, provide a procedure for appealing a determination of tax due or an assessment, and provide taxpayers with written statements of their rights.

## Burbank Park District registration for programs

Burbank Park District is taking registration for its Winter/Spring programming on Thursday, January 4 for residents and Thursday, January 11, 2001 for non residents.

Some of the programs available are financial seminars, dance classes, karate, youth sports, adult fitness classes, trips, varied interests, special events and much more.

For more information please call (708) 599-2070. Registration is taken at the Newcastle office, located on 8050 S. Newcastle from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday and 9:00 am to noon on Saturday.

## HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

### New Building Blocks Are High Value

(NAPS)—High-tech toys seem to be topping holiday wish lists everywhere. Yet, low-tech toys that are tried and true, such as plastic building blocks, are favored by child development experts who advise parents to seek toys that encourage thinking, problem solving and creativity.

What's new is that tried and true doesn't have to be expensive.

England-based Best-Lock Construction Toys is debuting its line of plastic building blocks to the U.S. market this season in stores including Target, K-Mart, J.C. Penney and Toys 'R' Us.

The sets of building blocks, which retail for \$29.99 for a 700-piece set, \$19.99 for a 350-piece set and \$9.99 for a 175-piece set, maintain a high quality standard comparable to other brands of building blocks. Best-Lock pieces can even be used with other brands, meaning new sets don't have to replace a child's building blocks, but add to their collection and enhance their ability to create.

Best-Lock's building blocks

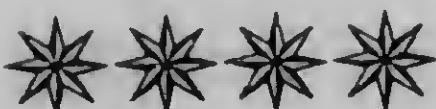


Popular building blocks meet standards set by child development experts.

meet standards set by child development experts who recommend toys that encourage thinking, problem solving and self-esteem; foster creativity, imagination and sharing; involve hand-eye coordination and motor skills; and are conducive to parent interaction.

The company offers building block configurations that are unique—like a line of military themed toys complete with accurate renditions of missile launchers, battleships, planes and artillery. A line of bright yellow construction vehicles—dump truck, crane and bulldozer—is also popular among children.

For more information and a complete listing of toys, log on to [www.best-lock.com](http://www.best-lock.com).





## Moraine Valley displaced homemaker program to aid those in need

The Moraine Valley Community College Displaced Homemaker Program is in search of displaced homemakers in need of assistance. The program, funded by a \$65,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Labor provides vocational education programs and support services to help these individuals obtain employment and become economically self sufficient.

Displaced homemakers are defined as individuals who have worked in the home for a substantial number of years providing unpaid services for family members; are not gainfully employed; are having difficulty securing employment; and were dependent on the income of another family member but are no longer supported by such income or were dependent on federal assistance but are no longer eligible for such assistance.

According to Peter Deeman, coordinator of Job Preparation Programs in Moraine Valley's Dislocated Worker Assistance Center, education and employment are critical needs among displaced homemakers, but often there is difficulty combining the two. Assisting displaced homemakers in gaining access to education and

understanding how to successfully combine work and school is a very important part of the Displaced Homemaker Program.

Though most displaced homemakers are eligible to receive tuition assistance through financial aid, there is also the additional cost of support services such as transportation, childcare, employment related expenses, and instruction supplies.

"The program is designed to fill in the gaps that traditional financial aid doesn't cover, and provide additional services like counseling and peer group support," said Deeman. "As a community college, our goal is to serve the whole college community, and the Displaced Homemaker Program allows us to provide educational and employment services for those who need them the most."

Displaced homemakers often need assistance with personal development, career counseling, and job search skills. These individuals require better assessment, more attention, and consistent encouragement. The Displaced Homemaker Program offers individual support and guidance, and assists and motivates participants in

successfully attaining educational and occupational advancement.

In addition, the program also maintains relationships with other community agencies that serve economically disadvantaged populations and coordinates outreach services to programs that address specific needs of displaced homemakers. These include domestic violence shelters, regional public aid offices, community counseling facilities, and other special programs and assistance agencies.

For more information about the Displaced Homemaker Program, call Moraine Valley's Dislocated Worker Assistance Center at (708) 974-5738.



## Moraine Valley offers classes for returning women

For many adult women, the decision to return to college or enroll in college classes for the first time is difficult. To make the transition to college easier, Moraine Valley offers a program designed to meet the special needs of adult women.

The Returning Woman Program enables adult women to earn college credit while taking a block of classes with other adult women. The program also offers many special services, including peer support, faculty mentoring, test taking and study skills, time management, counseling, childcare, and scholarships.

The day program for the spring 2001 semester includes Composition 101, Sociology 101, and Psychology 101, all designed to help students make a successful transition to college.

Three other classes, Composition 102, women only; Psychology 100-25, and Psychology 100-26 are scheduled for other times. For more information on the Returning Woman Program, call the Academic Advising Department at (708) 974-5722.



## Kudos to Peace Athletes

Queen of Peace High School extends congratulations to the following students who were honored for athletic and leadership achievement. Pictured Row 1 (seated): Colleen Klus, J.V. Cross Country Leadership; Delilah DiCrescenzo, Cross Country Most Valuable and Scholar Athlete of the Season; Melissa Mugica, Cross Country Leadership; Row 2: Rachel Williams, Tennis Most Improved; Jillian Cashdollar, Tennis Leadership; Gee Banasiak, Volleyball Most Improved; Jessica Steadman, Volleyball Leadership; Lauren Joyce, Volleyball Most Valuable; Row 3: Nicole Tito, Sophomore Volleyball Leadership; Stephanie Koss, Tennis Most Valuable; Katherine Jenkins, J.V. Tennis Leadership; Mandi Caputo, Frosh Volleyball Leadership; Cross Country Coach Kathy Doyle, Coaching Excellence; Jill Braun, Cross Country Most Improved.



## Military News

Marine Corps Pfc. Thomas L. Creamer, son of Susan T. and George T. Creamer of Chicago, recently reported for duty with Marine Aviation Training Support Group, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, Washington. Creamer is a 1996 graduate of Thallabaun Academy of Blue Island and joined the Marine Corps in December 1999.

## Dear Staff

Thank you very much for publishing the article regarding my El Salvador mission event. I know that there are many worthy causes seeking your assistance in spreading the word and I truly appreciate the fact that you supported this event.

I also appreciate the discounted price you extended to me for the ad seeking contributions. Between your article and the ad, additional donations were received. As promised, these donations have been matched by Park Cleaners.

Again, thank you. Your kindness has been most beneficial in assisting those less fortunate than we.

Happy Holidays to all!

Sincerely,  
Mark Holstein

tion Training Support Group, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, Washington. Creamer is a 1996 graduate of Thallabaun Academy of Blue Island and joined the Marine Corps in December 1999.

Air Force Airman Gary J. Wyatt has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio Texas. Wyatt is the son of John Wyatt of Oak Lawn and Cindy K. Dobson of Mondale Loop, Las Cruces, New Hampshire. In 2000, he graduated from Mayfield High School, in Las Cruces.

## Craft classes

The Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department is offering various craft classes starting in January.

Organizing Yesterday (scrap booking) - Held two Fridays a month from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Age's teen to adult are welcome. Fee for residents is \$10.00, non residents is \$15.00 (per session).

Let It Snow, Let It Snow - Mondays starting January 15 from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Ages 5-8 years old. Fee for residents is \$7.50, non resi-

## New officers at United Methodist Women Church group

New officers for the United Methodist Women at the Church in Evergreen Park, 94th and Homan Ave., were installed at a recent Sunday Worship Service. Leaders include president, Shirley Keir; secretary, Helen Nevill; and treasurer Joette Vogelanz.

The Special Mission Award was presented to Eleonore Zetek for her outstanding service to the women's program.

The first meeting of the UMW for 2001 will be on Thursday, January 4, at 12:30 pm soup and dessert luncheon. The Esther Circle, Martha VanSickle Chair, Evergreen Park, will prepare a variety of soups to suit everyone's taste.

Following the meal, a short UMW meeting will be conducted by President Shirley, with Ardith Inman Evergreen Park, leading devotions. Pastor Char Hoffmann will speak on "Let Us Break Bread Together." The meeting is open to any interested women. Call the church (708) 422-8451 for further information.

## De La Salle entrance exam

De La Salle Institute will hold its entrance exam for eighth graders on Saturday, January 13, 2001, at 8:15 am. To be admitted into De La Salle, a eighth grade boys must take the entrance exam at De La Salle, 3455 S. Wabash in Chicago. There is a \$20 fee. Applicants should bring two No. 2 pencils.

Please enter the school through the main entrance between 34th Street and 35th Street on Michigan Avenue. Michigan is one way, going south. For more information, contact Joe Zampillo, De La Salle's director of admissions, at (312) 842-7355 ext. 114.

dents is \$12.50.

Will You Be Mine - Mondays starting January 29 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Ages 6-8 years old are welcome. Fee for residents is \$8.00, non residents \$13.00. Register now at the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd Street. For information call 430-4500.

Trust everybody, but eat the eards.

—Finley Peter Dunne

## Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra performs Grand Opening Night Concert

Celebrate the New Year and enjoy a beautiful symphony concert, learn about composers and their works at a pre-concert preview, and dance the night away at an elegant post concert reception.

It's all part of the fun as the award winning Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra, led by Maestro Carmon DeLeone, opens its 23rd Anniversary Season with a Symphonic Splash! The 75 member Orchestra performs a grand scale symphony concert featuring Dvorak's bright *Carnival Overture* and Respighi's *Fountains of Rome*. Guest soloist and Russian pianist Dmitri Ratser performs Tchaikovsky's beloved *Piano Concerto No. 1*.

Ratser, who made his electrifying debut with the

Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra two years ago, has been hailed as a master of technique and brilliance and has received top awards in numerous competitions. A first prize winner in Budapest's Liszt International Jubilee, Ratser also earned top prize in Moscow's All Union Rachmaninoff Competition in 1983.

Sponsored by Ford Motor Company and Van Drunen Ford, the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra's Grand Opening Night Concert begins at 8:00 pm on Saturday, January 13 at the Center for Performing Arts, Governors State University. Tickets are \$23, \$29, \$38, 59 and are available by calling the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra box office at (708) 481-7774.



# News at Oak Lawn Public Library

## Registration Opens for Children's Programs at Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library Youth Services Department will open registration for many of their Winter/Spring 2001 children's programs Saturday, January 6. Preference will be given to Oak Lawn residents and students. Each child's library card must be presented at registration. Sessions fill quickly, so early registration is encouraged.

This season's program offerings are: Baby Business, a program for babies ages 12 through 24 months and their caregivers (registration begins February 24); a variety

of storyhours for children age two through second grade; The Harry Potter Club, a program for third through sixth graders; the Junior Friends of the Library, a volunteer group for students in grades seven through ten; and a variety of free, entertaining and educational programs held monthly on select Saturdays.

For additional information, pick up a Winter/Spring 2001 program booklet in a Youth Services Department, visit the library's web site ([www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us)) or call 708-422-4990.

## Antique road show

Is it junk, or is it a valuable antique? Find out whether to toss or treasure that item that has been taking up space in your home! Shirley Walsh of Antiques Unique of Frankfort will share her knowledge and expertise on antiques at the Bridgeview Public Library on Monday, January 15, 2001 at 6:00 pm. Please call or come in to register. Admission is free and open to all. The Bridgeview Public Library is located at 7840 W. 79th St., Bridgeview, telephone (708) 458-2880.

Participants are invited to bring a hand held item or photo for a brief description (but not prices) of the pieces brought in for identification.

It's the antique road show in a local forum and Ms. Walsh will evaluate time periods collector interest and

general background information. The PBS television television series, "The Antique Road Show" has sparked an unprecedented wave of interest in learning about the value of family heirlooms. Walsh's program combines a discussion of research methods to determine an antique's history with a quick examination of the items brought in by participants.

Ms. Walsh has 25 years of experience as an antique dealer and specializes in antique jewelry, cut glasses, flow blue china, 20th century furniture and stained glass. Antiques Unique has been voted best antique shop in the south suburbs in the Star, Southtown, and recently in the Joliet Herald and the Lincolnway Sun Newspapers.

## GED registration for spring semester at Moraine Valley announced

GED registration and orientation for the spring 2001 semester at Moraine Valley Community College, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills, will be held on Tuesday, January 9, at 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 pm in Room B285 in Building B.

The classes are free. Children are not permitted at registration because registrants have to take a placement test for their classes.

For more information on GED classes, call (708) 974-5340.

## "Tosca" Opera Lecture

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a free opera lecture on "Tosca" Sunday, January 7 at 2 p.m. in their lower level meeting room.

At this informative session, a member of the Lyric Opera of Chicago Lecture Corps will describe the plot, give background on the composer, Giacomo Puccini, and play musical selections. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

A complete schedule of opera lectures is available at the library's Community Information Centers, first floor, or at their web site ([www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us)). For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

## Help for people with Sleep Disorders

People can now get the rest they need sooner at the recently expanded Sleep Disorders Center at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center. The Sleep Disorders Center can now accommodate four studies per night, six nights a week.

The number of sleep studies now being performed has increased from three to four studies per night with capabilities of performing approximately 1,200 studies per year.

A patient who suspects they have a sleep disorder can make an appointment for a 20-30 minute evaluation of their sleep patterns. If a sleep study is recommended, the patient would then need a sleep study referral from their primary care physician.

Patients may suffer from a sleep disorder if their symptoms include snoring,

## Library Displays for January 2001

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host an exhibit from Toastmasters International and a collection of miniatures by Janet Lewis in their first floor community display cases throughout January.

Individuals and local community groups interested in exhibiting special collections, activities and creative works at the library may pick up a display case application at their Reception Booth, first floor.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

tiredness, daytime sleepiness, restless sleep, difficulty controlling blood pressure and sexual dysfunction.

Snoring may be the first and most obvious symptom of a serious sleep disorder called "sleep apnea syndrome." Sleep apnea causes a person to stop breathing while sleeping, sometimes as many as 200 to 500 times during the course of a night. Called obstructive sleep apnea, this disorder can contribute to an increased risk of heart failure, stroke, an increased risk of heart failure, stroke, and industrial accidents. Fortunately, it is a very treatable disease.

For more information, patients can contact St. Francis website, [www.stfrancisblueisland.com](http://www.stfrancisblueisland.com) or call the Sleep Disorders Center at 708-388-4624.

## Military News

Navy Seaman Jennifer M. Cerda has graduated from the dental assistant apprentice course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas. She is the daughter of Carlos and Patricia Cerda of Chicago. Cerda is a 1999 graduate of Reavis High School in Burbank.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Kristen M. Gehr has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Gehr is the daughter of Merry C. Kruszynski of Chula Vista, California and Donald A. Gehr of Oak Lawn. She is a 1998 graduate of Hilltop High School, Chula Vista, CA.

## Free Blood Pressure Screenings at Library

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free Blood Pressure Screenings at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., every third Wednesday at noon to 2 p.m. in the library's lower level meeting room. The next scheduled screening date is Wednesday, January 17. This free public service will be offered through June 2001.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Christ

Hospital and Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call Peggy Daudell at Christ Hospital, 708-346-3289, or the library, 708-422-4990.

## Friends of the Library Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Reading material is available in advance and everyone is welcome to join.

A short story discussion group meets every second Wednesday at 1 p.m. They will meet January 10 to discuss "Everything That Rises Must Converge" by Flannery O'Connor and February 14 for "Killing an Elephant" by George Orwell. Copies of these short stories can be picked up one month in

advance at the Fiction Desk, first floor.

A novel discussion group meets every fourth Wednesday at 1 p.m. They will meet January 24 to discuss "The Fifth Child" by Doris Lessing and February 28 for "Under the Tuscan Sun" by Frances Mayes. Copies of these novels can be checked out one month in advance at the Circulation Desk, first floor.

Meetings are held in the library's Conference Room, lower level.

For additional information, call Beth Baird, book discussion chair, 708-422-4933.

## Hilton and the Daily Southtown cohost a double wedding faire

The Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave., and the Daily Southtown will co-host a double Wedding Faire and Fashion Show Extravaganza on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001. Doors open at 5:00 pm; 1st Fashion Show at 6:15 pm and 2nd Show at 8:15 pm.

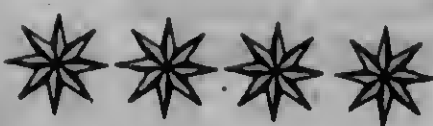
The bridal gowns of Marshall Fields, located in downtown Chicago, will be featuring their newest designer gowns along with Eva's Bridals from Oak Lawn. Gingiss Formal Wear will be showing their latest styles in groomsman attire. Music by Tone Productions, Oak Lawn.

Prospective brides are encouraged to come early and visit with more than fifty exhibitors who can help plan the perfect wedding. Register for fabulous door prizes and take a tour of the hotel suites receives a chance to win a complimentary over

night stay in the Deluxe Jacuzzi Bedroom Suite. Special discounts are available to show attendees. Book any one of the Hotel's three Honeymoon Packages the night of the Bridal Show receive a 20% discount.

The Grand Prize, an all inclusive Dream Vacation to one of the fabulous Sandals Resort in Jamaica, is provided by Sandals Resort and Janis Anne Travel, Inc. This fabulous prize will be given away to one lucky bride after each fashion show. Airfare is not included. Winner must be present to win.

An express menu will be available in Whitney's Restaurant from 4:00 to 6:00 pm and the Hilton Gift Shoppe is open until 8:00 pm. Call (708) 229-8850 and receive two free tickets to the show, while the supply lasts. Admission charge the night of the show \$5.00.





## Easy ways to host a Super Bowl party

Football fans from coast to coast will huddle up to the TV for Super Bowl XXXV on January 28th. Both fair weather and hard core fans know the Super Bowl is more than just a game - it's an excuse to dress up in team gear, party with your friends and eat sporty food like pizza and nachos. In fact, people watching the Super Bowl consume 30.4 million pounds of snack food! So this year, kick off your own Super Bowl celebration with the following play by play.

**Warm Up** - Limit gameday preparations by shopping for groceries and cooking in advance. Touchdown Calzones, filled with Italian sausage, pizza sauce and smooth mozzarella cheese, are baked in a sealed crust and can be refrigerated days before serving. Guests will enjoy the hearty combination and hosts will enjoy the time saved on gameday.

**Pre Game** - Tackle party set up before guests arrive. Rearrange furniture to accommodate large groups. Make sure every spectator has an unobstructed view of the television. Place snacks on an accessible table to keep the munchies line short.

**Playing Field** - Use team colors for paper tablecloths, napkins and plastic silverware. Hit the sporting goods store for team memorabilia. A football on a tee

makes a creative centerpiece for a table draped with pennants. Use helmets to hold chips or bread and offer team flag toothpicks for spearing cheese cubes and fruit pieces.

**Kick Off** - Welcome each guest with a festive bag of party necessities like pom poms, a noise maker and a bottle opener sporting the favorite team's logo. Include wet wipes for sticky fingers and aspirin for pain relief during stressful plays.

**Instant Replay** - When it comes to championship appetites, football fans give the pros a run for their money. Serve easy to make food on serving trays like Running Back Blues, a hefty sandwich made with dark rye, tangy blue and buttery Swiss cheese, roast beef, red onion and pickle spears. Make an extra tray of sandwiches ahead of time for a quick turnover during the game.

**MVP** - Whether it's pizza, mozzarella cheese sticks or a tray of cheese and crackers, cheese is always a winner at Super Bowl parties. In fact, 50 million pounds of cheese were sold the week before last year's Super Bowl.

**Touchdown** - Score big with party goers by placing coolers full of favorite beverages near the TV. Viewers can grab a fresh drink without missing a second of the game.



## Touchdown calzones

Makes: 8 servings  
Prep time: 45 minutes  
Cook time: 25 minutes

### For filling:

1-1/4 pounds spicy Italian sausage  
3/4 cup pizza sauce  
4 cups shredded Italian cheese blend

### For dough:

1 package hot roll mix  
1-1/4 cups hot water  
2 tablespoons olive oil

### For garlic butter:

2 tablespoons butter  
1/2 teaspoon butter  
1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

For filling, remove sausage from casing. Sauté sausage in large skillet, breaking up with fork, until sausage is cooked and browned, 5 to 8 minutes. Drain well and set aside.

Preheat oven to 375°. Make hot roll mix according to package directions for pizza, replacing egg and butter with hot water and olive oil. Let dough stand 5 minutes. Divide dough into 8 pieces. Roll each piece into an oval about 5 X 7 inches. Place 1/4 cup of Italian cheese blend in center of each oval. Top with 1/3 cup cooked sausage. Sprinkle with another 1/4 cup cheese.

Bring up edges of dough and seal securely. Transfer calzone to lightly greased baking sheet, placing seam side up to form a "football" shape. Repeat with remaining dough and filling. Set calzones in a warm place to rise, covered with towel, 25 minutes. Bake until lightly browned, about 20 minutes.

In a small skillet, heat butter and garlic over low heat until butter is melted and garlic is tender, about 3 minutes. Remove calzones from oven when lightly browned. Brush hot calzones with garlic butter and sprinkle each with 1/2 tablespoon Parmesan cheese. Return to oven until cheese melts, about 2 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

## Dance like a dinosaur

Run, plod and jump like a dinosaur in this interactive performance workshop by Green Light Performing Company. Dance the role of a T. rex, Triceratops or Stegosaurus and discover how bones can tell scientists about these ancient creatures. For adults and children ages 3-7. Cost is \$2 per participant. Call (312) 665-7400.

## Pheasant Run dinner theatre to hold auditions

Rockton Productions and the Pheasant Run Dinner Theatre announce auditions for Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The King & I*. A dramatic, passionate love story of a young English widow and the tyrannical King of Siam, *The King & I* is an enduring musical sensation. Guest director, Jeff R. Jones, and producer, Diana L. Martinez, will be holding auditions both at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles and in Chicago at the Fine Arts Building.

*The King & I* will open on April 20 and run through September 2, 2001. Shows are weekly on Friday nights, Saturday matinees and evenings, and Sunday brunch and dinner performances. This five show per week base is flexible and may include additional performances when necessary. Rehearsals are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 11:00 pm and Saturdays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm starting February 19 through opening night.

Actors selected to perform in Pheasant Run Dinner Theatre's performance of *The King & I* will receive the highest non equity salary per show offered; Paid rehearsals, Hotel privileges including health club membership; Meals provided; and possible

transportation assistance.

Auditions are as follows: Sunday, January 28, children ages 7-14 are welcome to audition between 2:00 and 6:00 pm for various roles. Children's auditions will be held at the Pheasant Run Dinner Theatre, located off Rt. 64/North Ave. across from the Charlestown Mall.

Adult auditions will be held Friday, January 26 at the Fine Arts Building, 10th Floor, in downtown Chicago, and on Monday, January 30, at the Pheasant Run Dinner Theatre. The Fine Arts Building is located at 410 S. Michigan Ave. Interested individuals can audition between 1:00 to 9:00 pm for the downtown auditions and 1:00 to 8:00 pm for Monday's auditions.

Appointments are mandatory for all auditions! Please call Lauren at (630) 584-6300 ext. 7709. Ethnic diversity is strongly encouraged. Each actor should provide a current resume and headshot at prepare two contrasting songs for their audition. An accompanist will be provided on all dates. Callbacks will be held Monday, February 5 and Tuesday, February 6 at the Pheasant Run Dinner Theatre.



## Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella

Marshall's presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*, starring Eartha Kitt as the Fairy Godmother; also starring Deborah Gibson as Cinderella and Paolo Montalban as The Prince. *Cinderella* will play Chicago's Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph Street, from Tuesday, Jan. 16 through Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001. Tickets are now on sale.

*Cinderella* will play The Ford Center for the Perform-

ing Arts, Oriental Theatre from January 16-28, 2001. Tickets to *Cinderella*, which range from \$20 to \$70, are now on sale at the Broadway in Chicago Box Office, 22 W. Monroe Street, by calling the Broadway in Chicago Ticketline (312) 902-1400, at all Ticketmaster ticket centers or at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Groups of 20 or more can receive a discount by calling (312) 977-1710.



The word taxi is a shortened form of taximeter cab.

## Marist hosts entrance exam

Marist High School invites 8th grade young men to its Class of 2005 Placement Test on Saturday, January 13, 2001 at 8:00 am. Students interested in attending Marist are asked to arrive at the Main Gym entrance of the school, 4200 W. 115th St. in Chicago with two No. 2 pencils and a \$20.00 testing fee.

Marist is a Catholic college preparatory school serving the young men of the southwest Chicago community and the surrounding suburbs. Marist seeks to enliven the faith of our students by creating a school environment with "A Heart That Knows No Bounds." Through faculty and student interaction, service projects, and community outreach, our students develop an integrated experience of being leaders of our nation.

## Running Back Blue Cheese Bites

Makes: 6 servings  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 4 minutes

1/2 cup butter, softened  
2 cups crumbled blue or Gorgonzola cheese  
1/4 cup cooked bacon, crumbled  
6 slices pumpernickel or dark rye bread  
6 slices Swiss cheese  
6 slices deli roast beef  
6 thin slices red onion  
6 dill pickle spears

In a small bowl, beat butter and blue cheese until smooth; mix in bacon. Spread about 1/4 cup mixture on each slice of bread and top with a slice of Swiss cheese. Place on baking sheet and broil, 4 inches from heat source, until cheese is melted, about 1 minute. Top each with roast beef, onion and pickle and serve open faced.



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# Moraine Valley Community College News

## Moraine Valley offers four Anthropology courses this spring

Dig into the origins of humans, learn the cultural achievements of native Americans, and explore the methods for studying prehistoric and present cultures depending on the course you select. Ethical issues also are examined.

\*Introductory Physical Anthropology has three sessions scheduled for spring.

\*Introduction to Cultural Anthropology has three sessions scheduled for spring.

\*North American Indians meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. for 17 weeks, beginning Jan. 16.

\*Introduction to Archaeology meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30-1:45 p.m. for 17 weeks, beginning Jan. 16.

Spring classes start Jan.

16. Registration for the spring semester is underway and continues through Jan.

16. Students can register by visiting the Admissions, Records, and Registration Office, located in the College Center, on campus 10900 S. 88th ave., Palos Hills. Students also can register by touch-tone phone at (708) 974-5400 or by phone with an operator at (708) 974-2110 (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired at (708) 974-9556). Previously enrolled students also can register online at [www.moraine.cc.il.us](http://www.moraine.cc.il.us). Tuition is \$49 per credit hour. Information on all classes, times and dates is available in the spring 2001 class schedule or online at [www.moraine.cc.il.us](http://www.moraine.cc.il.us).

## Moraine Valley offers quality affordable education

Education can be costly, but at Moraine Valley classes are affordable.

Consider the annual cost of a college education at a state school: Nearly \$3,500 for tuition alone. A private career training college can cost approximately \$12,500 annually. At Moraine Valley annual tuition for a full-time student is \$1,500.

The faculty at Moraine Valley are all professionals in their discipline and more than half hold multiple degrees. Facilities at Moraine Valley offer the newest innovations and state of the art equipment. The campus is conveniently located and offers a safe environment for students.

The college offers two-year degrees and a wide range of certificate programs. Or students can choose to take general education courses for eventual transfer to a four-year school. Opportunities abound at Moraine Valley at a cost well below

other colleges and universities. In addition there are no admissions requirements and everyone is welcome to register.

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## Wide range of art courses at Moraine Valley this spring

Variety is the key at Moraine Valley this spring. Students can choose from 30 credit courses in art. Most courses have several sections allowing busy students with the flexibility to schedule classes at times that are convenient to the student.

The following courses are offered: Drawing I; Life Drawing; Arts and Crafts; Art Appreciation; Two-Dimensional Design; Painting I; Painting III; Ceramics I; Ceramics II; Introduction to Computer Art; Sculpture; Photography I; Photography II; Printmaking; Digital Photography; Digital Illustration; Digital Imaging; Digital Layout and Publishing; History of Design; Survey of Western Art I; Survey of Western Art II; Survey of Non-Western Art; Digital Design Internship; Graphic Design; Web Page Layout; Independent Studio: Drawing; Independent Studio: Painting; Independent Studio: Ceramics; Independent Studio:

Photography; Independent Studio: Design. Please refer to the spring schedule for a complete listing of times and days classes are offered.

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## Season's Greeting

## DE LA SALLE INSTITUTE

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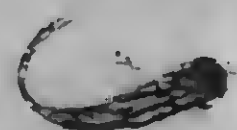
*Providing a solid education and moral direction to young men since 1889, De La Salle continues to nurture academic excellence, spiritual growth, athletic success, and artistic ability in each of its students*

## ENTRANCE EXAM

**Saturday, January 13, 2001, 8:15 a.m.**

Please bring two no. 2 pencils and \$20 for the entrance exam fee.

For more information, contact De La Salle's director of admissions Joe Zampillo, at 312.842.7355



[www.dls.org](http://www.dls.org)



## QUEEN OF PEACE HIGH SCHOOL



A Catholic school community educating Women of Peace



The Class of 2000 earned 100% college acceptance.

Students may choose from 13 advanced placement courses, including A. P. Computer Science.

Learning is enhanced by school-wide access to the Internet and availability of distance learning.

Interdisciplinary classes enable students to make real-world connections. The newest addition to the program is Honors Pre-Calculus/Physics.

## OPEN HOUSE II

January 8, 2001

A one-hour tour begins at 7 p.m.

## ENTRANCE EXAM

January 13, 2001

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

7659 S. Linder Burbank, IL 60459 (708) 458-7600 [www.queenofpeacehs.org](http://www.queenofpeacehs.org)



## De La Salle hosts baseball clinic

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade boys are invited to a baseball clinic at De La Salle High School, 3455 S. Wabash, Chicago on Wednesday, January 3 from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Bill "Soup" Campbell of ESPN will teach pitching mechan-

ics while Mike Marshall of the Schamburg Flyers will teach hitting mechanics.

In addition, Catholic League baseball coaches Brad Esposito of De La Salle and Jack Gallo, formerly of Holy Cross, will teach infield and outfield skills. There is a \$35 registration fee. For more information or to register for the clinic, call Coach Brad Esposito at the school, at (312) 842-7355.

## Earn college credit in a short period of time

Moraine Valley offers a wide range of credit classes that can be completed in two, three, four, five, eight, nine, or twelve weeks.

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# Moraine Valley Student Earns A Plus a Job Offer

Patricia Egan, a Moraine Valley student from Orland Park, earned two rewards for completing an essay on dog training careers for her English class. She received an A on her paper and discovered what she wants to do with her life.

Egan, a self-described animal lover who has worked over four years in a pet store and trains two of her own dogs, did research for the paper that included an interview with Gerald O'Sullivan of the Cook County Sheriff's Training Institute, located on the Moraine Valley campus.

Her essay focused on the skills needed to be a canine handler who works with law enforcement dogs, and through various resources she learned that one of the skills needed was hands-on experience. "Working with your dog and other people's dogs you have to learn the different techniques so that you can be the alpha in the

pack, because dogs are pack animals," said Egan, who is working on an Associate's in Science degree. During the course of her research, she worked with professional canine handlers on her dog, and she networked with other handlers.

She also was offered a job with a dog trainer in Chicago, Mr. Canine, The Division of Dog Training Services, Inc., which trains dogs in obedience, agility, behavior modification, and protection. Her research helped her make her career decision. "My paper kind of helped me make up my mind that I wanted to be a dog trainer."

Her teacher at Moraine Valley, Thomas Daw, assistant professor of communications in English, said, "She is very excited about this opportunity. It is nice to have a real-life example of the connection between hard work in school, academic success, and potential long-term career success."

Hopefully her story will inspire others to turn to moraine valley as a means to achieve their long-term goals."

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## Kathy's Kaleidoscope



By: Kathy Whirity  
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### The Joy of E-mail

When it comes to figuring out the technology behind a computer I must confess, here and now, I am computer illiterate.

Before I began writing this column I thought a mouse was for catching, not clicking, which partly explained my confusion at distinguishing a mouse from a modem.

My daughters would 'set me up' and off I'd go, happily creating my columns, then they would print out the finished product. (That got old very fast.) Soon I had no choice but to learn the basics of set-ups and print-outs. It was either figure it out or forego the opportunity to pen this column which, by now, it's obvious that I chose to 'learn' my way around floppy discs, hard drives, and Micro-soft application.

But, wouldn't you know?, just as soon as I became comfortable hunting and pecking my way across the screen, yet another obstacle would loom into view. And little did I know just what I was missing.

For years friends have encouraged me to evolve from the dinosaur days of drudging through the delay of snail-mail, to the quick and efficient convenience of E-mail. I personally never felt the need, until now.

Recently I began to give it serious thought, especially since more and more I'm asked why I don't have an E-mail address. Getting with the program could definitely put me on the fast track to modern methods of correspondence. Thoughts of getting hooked up to the Internet gave my kids reason to quip sarcastically, "it's about time." Yes, visions of traveling in cyber-space danced merrily in their heads.

There were many popular toys this Christmas that topped wish lists to Santa. Poke Mon, Digimon, and PlayStation 2 - just to name a few. Toys bound to give hopeful children reason to jump for joy.

And then there were the gifts left under the tree, sure to dazzle and excite even the oldest of believers.

My most treasured gift this year took me totally by surprise. I opened what, at first, appeared to be a small, lap top computer. Upon closer inspection I realized that it wasn't a computer at all, but rather a neat little gizmo called Mailstation. When hooked up to a phone line it affords the user the luxury of sending E-mail. It's fast, it's super easy and oh of course, to the kids, it means yet another delay on the road to surfing the net. But, first things first, mom's got a new toy to enjoy!!!

Christmas day, for me, was spent getting the most exercise I've had in 6 months - the result of frequently running up the stairs to check if my new E-mail light was flashing with news of a message.

A dear friend and fellow writer, Lori from Wyoming, was also happy to know that our letter writing shall now be instantaneous.

Santa must've worked overtime this year to provide this clever gift of contemporary communication that even this technologically impaired computer novice can handle. And the, oh so special, efforts of a Kris Kringle mother-in-law who aims to please, is perhaps the most loving and thoughtful gift of all.

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## News at Oak Lawn Community High

### Senior has poems being published in Nature's Echoes

Oak Lawn Community High School senior Beth Ott has three of her poems being published in the book *Nature's Echoes*. The poems are semi-finalists in the international Open Poetry Contest, sponsored by Poetry.com.

*Nature's Echoes* will be published in the winter of 2001. It will consist of poetry from writers around the world. The poems are titled, *Shore, Owl, and Watching*, all of which are written in free verse.

As a semi-finalist in the

contest, Beth's work will be advanced to the next level of competition being held this month.

Her poems were compared against the thousands of poems submitted to the contest, and her works were selected as semi-finalists. They were also selected to be published because of their artistic vision and talent. One out of one hundred and four poems submitted is chosen to be published.

Beth is the daughter of Mark and Sharon Ott of Oak Lawn.

### Teens volunteer to help the Elderly

Students at Oak Lawn Community High School were given the opportunity to volunteer in a leaf-raking program. The program allowed students to spend the day moving from house to house, raking leaves for the elderly.

On November 11, 2000 and November 18, 2000, students met in front of the Oak Lawn Village Hall at 8:00 a.m. House addresses were compiled at a local senior center, and students divided themselves into groups to rake a certain number of yards. Altogether, the students helped twenty seniors clean their yards.

The students who participated were: Emily Buys, Cheryl Cole, Tina Cucci, Pat Fisher, Kristen Kearney, Dave Jodelka, Amanda Kramer, Liz Lemrise, Megan Melvin, Katie Modrick, Laura Mottl, Diana Ocampo, Jacqui Pugh, Sue Steffy, Katie Vogel, Jen Wiederhold, Ed Wilczek, and Candie Zichmiller.

On December 12, 2000, the volunteers were recognized by Oak Lawn Mayor Ernie Kolb for their services to the community. In the winter, students will be given the opportunity to shovel snow.

### Attention members of the media

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## Weathering The Winter Season

(NAPS)—Winter is a busy time of year. It means combating bad weather, preparing for holiday festivities, and, unfortunately, completing household repairs.

Odds are you're looking to keep projects to a minimum during this busy season. Don't worry, help is here. With a variety of new accessories and attachments that lets any do-it-yourselfer complete home improvements with ease, Dremel has a few suggestions to make winter less of a hassle:

- Fighting the effects of precipitation can be a full-time job during the cooler months. Remove rust with a Dremel rotary tool and an abrasive point accessory to keep garden furniture, automobiles and snowblowers in tip-top shape.

- It's not only people that are cooped up indoors during winter. Juggling all those belongings in limited storage space can be a challenge. However, making more room is simple if you know where to look. Installing closet shelving, creating space under a stairwell and hanging items on garage walls all add space. Use empty corners to your advantage by installing simple bracket shelving using a rotary tool and 1/8-inch drill bit accessory. With the help of a cut-off wheel, size the shelves to make a perfect fit



Replacing broken tiles is one of many projects that can be completed during the winter season.

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- Winter is a good time to take care of those indoor projects you never seem to get around to during the warmer months. One such project is replacing broken tiles in the kitchen or bathroom. Using Dremel's new Grout Removal Attachment Kit will save you time and reduce irritation. The attachment, which has a 30-degree angle for controlled cutting and directional guides that center the tool between the tiles, easily cuts through old grout making inefficient tools obsolete. Once the broken tiles have been carefully removed simply add new tiles and regout to create a "like new" look.

- Parties and other festivities dot each winter's social calendar. Prepare for cooking and entertaining by keeping both your kitchen and silver clean. A rotary tool and bristle brush accessory will make short work of the

grease and grime collected in kitchen appliances. To clean in hard-to-reach places, use the new Right Angle Attachment from Dremel. This handy attachment can make previously inaccessible spaces within reach. The attachment also makes the tool more comfortable when completing other tasks such as polishing silver with a polishing accessory.

"The wide variety of accessories available for rotary tools helps make projects a snap," says Beverly DeJulio, home improvement expert and host of the PBS series *Handy Man* with Beverly DeJulio. "Even the most inexperienced tool user can reduce their work load with unique attachments such as the right angle or grout removal kit."

The Dremel Rotary Tool System comes in a variety of kits, retailing for approximately \$39 to \$119 with a five-year warranty. Do-it-yourselfers can choose between the corded MultiPro, Professional Tool or MultiPro Cordless models. The Dremel Rotary Tool System includes more than 150 accessories, allowing tool users to cut, drill, polish, deburr, sand, grind and more.

You can get great project ideas and tips and learn more about the Dremel product line at [www.dremel.com](http://www.dremel.com) or by calling 1-800-437-3635.

## Lenox sailor supports community relations

Commitment serves as a tenet for more than 550,000 active duty and reserve Sailors in the U.S. Navy. This axiom is part of the Navy's Core Value system of honor, courage and commitment, which all Sailors are honor bound to uphold. And while Sailors are often recognized for their commitment to national defense, their commitment to philanthropy is sometimes overlooked.

Christopher J. Burke, the 19 year old son of Robert and Margie Lenz of New Lenox, recently reinforced his personal dedication to helping people.

Navy Fireman Burke and 41 of his shipmates from the USS John S. McCain devoted an afternoon to children at the Komodo le Orphanage in Fukuoka, Japan.

"I played softball and soccer with some kids of all ages. The games were played with integrated teams. Some Navy guys teamed up with the kids for very interesting games," said Burke, a 1999 graduate of Lincoln Way High School.

Through overseas community relations projects, Sailors like Burke serve as ambassadors and provide a positive role model, while

achieving a sense of self satisfaction.

"Just being there, was memorable. I like seeing the little kids' faces while they played softball, and noticing that a lot of Japanese idolize American sports and athletes as role models," Burke said.

Since June of 1997, McCain Sailors like Burke have supported community relations projects while forward deployed in Yokosuka, Japan. The 346 Sailors and officers of McCain do not deploy periodically to overseas regions from the United States like most Navy ships, but instead maintain a continual presence in foreign waters. McCain and other ships forward deployed in Jap have been frequently called upon in the past to show their presence in the Persian Gulf, the straits of Taiwan, and other high tension areas. It is a demanding assignment, requiring constant readiness and long periods at sea.

The 8,315 ton McCain, an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer, is almost as long as two football fields and is propelled by four gas turbine engines. With advanced radar, sonar and weapons systems, the McCain can deliver a lethal blow to any

adversary. As a team, McCain officers and Sailors work together to complete the ship's mission of promoting U.S. interests while forward deployed in the global arena.

Burke, an engine mechanic, is an engineering apprentice who maintains and repairs auxiliary equipment. Taking time away from these duties to help out in overseas communities is something that Burke believes is very important.

The one year Navy veteran said, "We must do projects like this, so that people from other countries can see that Sailors are human too, and that not all of the Navy's personnel act the same."

Community relations projects, such as the Komodo le Orphanage effort, introduce Sailors to overseas communities, while giving them an opportunity to express a commitment to improving relationships abroad. By balancing community service and national defense, Sailors like Burke demonstrate their commitment to the United States 365 days a year.

## Carnival in Germany

Every year, cities across Germany come alive with the celebration of Carnival, the three day outpouring of celebration and enthusiasm prior to the onset of Ash Wednesday that marks the first day of Lent. Americans know this holiday as Mardi Gras in New Orleans and Carnaval in Rio de Janeiro. In many German cities, particularly those whose population is more Catholic than Protestant, locals and visitors celebrate in similar ways as they do in the Americas -- delighting in parades, costume balls, puppet theaters and carnival choruses laced with humor, wit and satire.

Carnival is particularly popular in big cities along the Rhine, notably the Fastnacht of Mainz and the Karnevals of Cologne and Dusseldorf. Almost every city, town and village in Bavaria has its own spin on the celebration, particularly Munich, where it is called Fasching.

First day celebrations of the Carnival vary with both national and local traditions but the main figures -- the clown and various characters of 18th and 19th century royalty, namely the Prince and his court -- play a prominent part in each city's festivities. As Ash Wednesday nears, the exuberance of Carnival increases in intensity and the

whole town is swept into the fervor. In some cities, the mayor of the town is required symbolically to turn over the "key to city hall" to the Prince -- for "Die Drei Tollen Tage" (the three crazy days) belong to the "Prince of Fools."

Cologne: Cries of "Alaaf," Cologne's Carnival cheer, resounding starting on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, at the Weiberfastnacht, "Women's Carnival," where women run up and playfully kiss the cheeks of every costumed stranger in sight. The merriment continues through Sunday (Feb. 25), when local schools and suburbs put on their parades, and into "Rose Monday" (Feb. 26), as huge crowds gather to view Europe's largest float filled parade. For more information, visit [www.koeln.de](http://www.koeln.de).

Dusseldorf: The rousing cheer of "Helau" adds to the revelry of Dusseldorf's Karneval, which many locals consider the high point of the year. This city also boasts a spectacular parade on "Rose Monday" and children and adults alike line the streets to catch kamelle (candy) thrown from the floats to spectators. To know more, visit [www.dusseldorf.com](http://www.dusseldorf.com).

Mainz: Carnival season in the hometown of Johannes Gutenberg, the father of modern printing, leaves an

indelible impression. As a lead into Fastnacht, on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, Mainz will host what is reputed to be the largest children's costume parade -- nearly 4,000 costumed youngsters, many in elaborately decorated floats, take part in the procession through the city center. As in Cologne and Dusseldorf, the "Rose Monday" parade draws crowds from far and near. To know more, visit [www.mainz.de](http://www.mainz.de).

Munich: Here in the Bavarian capital, over one thousand balls, parties, and other festivities keep the waters of the Isar River sparkling with lights. Always popular are the "Black and White" balls, "The Washerwomen's Ball," and the Gaudi-Wurm parade on Monday, Feb. 26. Be sure to sample the famous Fasching doughnuts -- so delicious that they need to be purchased by the dozen. To learn more, see [www.munich.de](http://www.munich.de).

And don't miss Carnival, or Fasnet, in the Black Forest -- including the cities of Elzach, Freiburg, Rottweil, Schramberg, and Villingen-Schwenningen -- which delivers an eerie tone as sinister parades showcase masks and wood carvings made by craftsmen in the Middle Ages.

### Check Out These Web Sites:

Here are a few Web sites you may want to watch:

- The National Pork Producers Council at [www.otherwhitemeat.com](http://www.otherwhitemeat.com).
- The MSN network of Internet services at [www.msn.com](http://www.msn.com).
- KeepSafe glass at [www.keep-safe.com](http://www.keep-safe.com).
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- AltaVista Shopping is found at [www.shopping.altavista.com](http://www.shopping.altavista.com).
- The EarthLink Mall is at <http://themall.earthlink.net>.

## Obituary of Robert Scott Ihrig

Born: March 31, 1921 in St. Paul, MN

Died: December 22, 2000

Robert Scott Ihrig of Oak Lawn died December 22 at home. He is survived by his wife, Alice Bennett Ihrig.

Mr. Ihrig was an active resident of Oak Lawn having served on the Oak Lawn Planning Commission and the District 123 School Board. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Oak Lawn Family Service, of which he was a founding member.

As a volunteer, he was honored by the Museum of Science and Industry, particularly for establishing a photography department and picturing the museum's artifacts. He was a volunteer docent at the Brookfield Zoo.

He had a career in graphic arts and journalism. Memorial Services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.



## Popular performer brings Elvis show to Chicagoland

The world's #1 Elvis stylist is bringing a whole new show to his hometown fans. Trent Carlini will star in *Elvis: "That's The Way It Is" Special Edition*, a concert inspired by RCA's newly released Elvis Presley recording of the same name. Carlini's larger than life 2 1/2 hour show will feature three full sets of Elvis classics, including "That's Alright Mama," "Poke Salad Annie," and "Suspicious Minds," with Carlini donning a different dazzling white jumpsuit for each tune crooning set. *Elvis: "That's The Way It Is" Special Edition* will take place at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, at 8:00 pm on Saturday, January 6, 2001.

Carlini, a native of Chicago's Little Italy neighborhood, currently calls Las Vegas home, where his nightly musical revue, "The Dream King," continually packs the house at the Boardwalk Casino on the Strip. Each evening, Carlini regularly receives two to three standing ovations, working audiences into a screaming, lingerie tossing frenzy, just as he has in his last two sold out concerts at the Rosemont Theatre.

Carlini's charisma, energy, and talent have taken

his performances to Canada, France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, and Italy. He has been a guest on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "Leeza," the "Miss Universe Pageant," and the Nashville Network. He has been featured in worldwide publications including *Matissimo*, Europe's number one fan magazine, and on the cover of "Cobietta," Poland's top selling woman's magazine.

"Elvis created an image that has stood the test of time," explains Carlini. "I am a big fan of his and I realized years ago that if people wanted me to help keep the music and image of Elvis alive, then I would, and I would do it right. It has never been my interest to impersonate the man. There was only one Elvis. My interest has always been to honor his musical craft, moves, and emotion. I consider myself a Presleyan artist." And so, apparently, do the people of Tupelo, Mississippi. Last year, Carlini was chosen to headline the first ever "Elvis Presley Festival" in Elvis' original hometown, performing to a sold out crowd.

Those who worked directly with Elvis Presley are well aware of Carlini's immense talent. Several of them gave Carlini perfect scores in

Montreal competition that proclaimed him to be the best Elvis entertainer in the world. As a testament to his ability, Carlini has worked alongside Elvis entourage members such as the Jordanaires, D.J. Fontana, and Joe Esposito, who was Elvis' army buddy and right hand man for 17 years. Esposito says he refused to look at any sort of Elvis impersonators until a friend made him aware of Carlini's talent.

Esposito will be one of several special guests at Carlini's January 6 concert, along with Al Dvorin, Elvis' longtime employee who coined the phrase "Elvis has left the building." After the concert, audience members will have the opportunity to meet Carlini as he signs autographs in the lobby. Tickets for the January 6, 2000 show, *Elvis: "That's The Way It Is" Special Edition* are \$34.50 and are on sale at the Rosemont Theatre box office, at all Ticketmaster locations, on the web at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or by calling (312) 559-1212.

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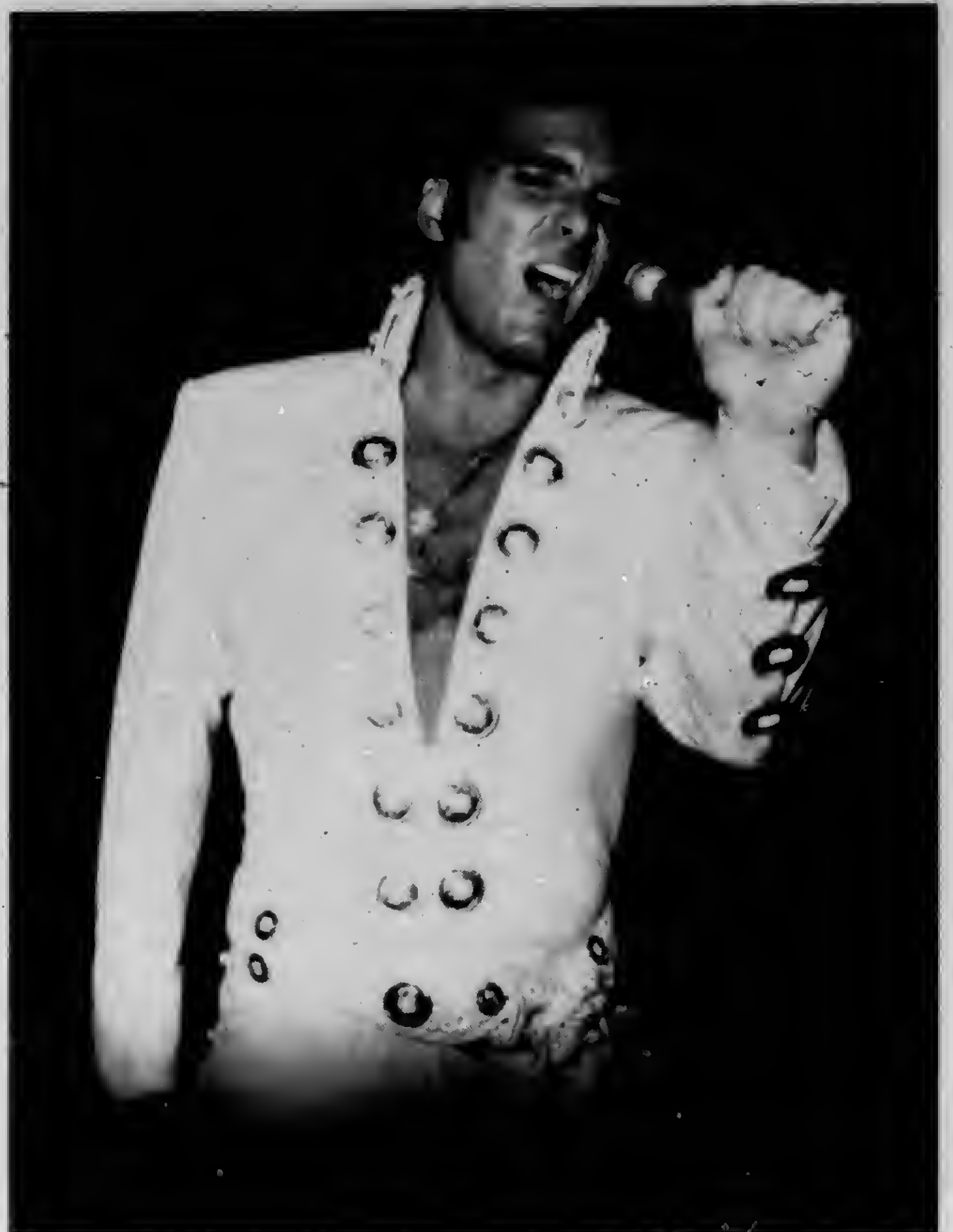
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Spring classes start January 16. Registration for the spring semester is underway and continues through January 16. Students can register by visiting the Admissions, Records, and Registration Office, located at the College Center, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Students can also register by touch tone phone at (708) 974-5400 or by phone with an operator at (708) 974-2110 (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired at (708) 974-9556). Previously enrolled students can also register on-line at [www.moraine.cc.il.us](http://www.moraine.cc.il.us). Tuition is \$49 per credit hour. Information on all classes, times and dates is available in the spring 2001 class schedule or on-line at [www.moraine.cc.il.us](http://www.moraine.cc.il.us).

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AllShak.com Free Family Internet Service has announced the first free ISP specifically designed for households with children and teenagers, because it uses realm based technology, beyond parental controls, which disallows access to pornography websites, hate sites, and bomb making sites.

According to industry analysts, while 50% of all American households have a computer, this holiday season, more parents are giving home computers as gifts to their children than ever before, only about one third of those homes with computers have internet access. (Source: The Homefront study from Odyssey) The most common reasons people give for not connecting their home computer to the internet are 1) they can't afford the monthly service fee, and 2) they don't want their family members to have access to inappropriate or

dangerous websites.

AllShak.com Free Family Internet, a premium quality ISP service with toll free 24/7 customer assistance, provides an easy solution to both of these objections by allowing families and businesses anywhere in the U.S. to establish a free high speed, internet connection to any computer simply by installing a quick start user program available on CD-ROM or downloaded from their website at [www.allshak.com](http://www.allshak.com).

"We are encouraging people who don't have internet access to sign up for our free service without any hidden fees, user requirements and without having to disclose personal information," said Dock Walls, CEO of AllShak.com Free Family Internet Service. "And, those who are already using AOL, Earthlink, Prodigy or another ISP as their primary access provider, may install AllShak Free Family Internet onto their





## Chicago Motor Club's January events and festivals

Through March 30 is the Kremlin Gold: 1000 Years of Russian Gems and Jewels in Chicago: Be the first on your block to marvel at over 120 masterpieces of gems, jewels, and precious metal objects from the Kremlin. Many are being displayed publicly for the first time. Field Museum of Natural History, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive. (312) 665-7100. Additional charge on top of general admission.

January 6 and 20, February 10, Mirror Lake Candlelight Cross Country Skiing in Baraboo, WI: What could be more romantic than Nordic skiing by candlelight on lush State Park trails? Join the fun from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at picturesque Mirror Lake State Park. Bring along some grub to grill as the park provides lit cooking grills and a warming fire. Mirror Lake State Park, E10320 Fern Dell Road (608) 254-2333.

January 11-21, North American International Auto Show, Detroit, MI: Rev up the motor and head over to the only auto show in North America sanctioned by the Organization Internationale Des Constructeurs D'Automobiles in Paris. Oo-lah-lah, are you in for a transportation treat. Cobo Conference Center. (888) 838-7500, (248) 643-0250.

January 13-14, February 10-11, March 10-11, Living History Weekends with the Massiac Marines, Metropolis, IL: Take a trip back in time as the Massiac Marines re-enact how the French Marines and settlers lived during the 1750's through 1765. Fort Massiac State Park, 1308 East 5th Street. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, (618) 524-9321, free.

January 17-21, International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, Plymouth, MI: Chill out at the oldest and largest ice carving event in North America. Marvel at the work of hundreds of professionals and amateurs who'll transform 400,000 pounds of block ice into dazzling works of art. (734) 459-9157.

January 17-21, Fishing, Hunting, Travel and Outdoors Show, Rosemont IL: Love the lure of the great outdoors? You'll be hooked on this show where you'll find everything from fishing and hunting to boats, charters, and outfitters. Meet wall-eye champ Ted Takasaki, catfish pro Denny Halgren and Eileen Clarke, food editor for the Field and Stream. Try your luck at the Trout Pond and meet Brody, a 1,000 pound Kodiak bear, most recently seen on "Walker, Texas Ranger." Rosemont Convention Center, (800) 732-2914.

January 20-21 Flake Out Festival, Wisconsin Dells, WI: This is one cool event where you'll stay warm as you compete in the frozen turkey bowl, Eskimo Pie eating contest, mitten football, tricycle ice races and totally tubular snow slide. Horse drawn sleigh rides, fireworks plus blazing bratwurst, live music and the only state sanctioned snow sculpting competition. Noah's Ark Waterpark, 1410 Wisconsin Dells Parkway, (800) 223-3557, (608) 254-8088.

January 23-29, U.S. International Snow Sculpting Competition, Milwaukee, WI: More than 50,000 spectators are expected to watch world class snow sculptures in action. During the event, the competitors, including many Olympic winners and contenders, will create a variety of art pieces ranging from abstract designs to whimsical creations. Wisconsin State Fair Park. (414) 476-5573.



## DanceStory audition notice

The Oak Lawn Park District's DanceStory is looking for additional company members: male or female, ages 14 or older. DanceStory is a multidisciplinary, intergenerational company that incorporates movement, spoken texts and music, says Martha Pacelli, director.

Auditions will be held on Saturday, January 20, from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm at the Oakview Center, 4625 W. 110th St. Performers should dress in dance clothes or sweatsuits, and be prepared to move and read from scripts, which will be provided by the directors.

Those who successfully pass the audition will be invited to join the DanceStory class, which meets at the Oakview Center on Saturdays from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. The next session of class will begin Saturday, Jan. 27th.

For more information on the audition or DanceStory, please call the Oakview Center at (708) 857-2200, and leave a message for Pacelli or Jennifer Raleigh, directors.



## Pikachu and Jigglypuff take over Chicago

Pikachu, Jigglypuff, Meowth and more than 150 Pokemon friends, make their stage debut in the family musical, **Pokemon -- Live!** at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road in Rosemont, January 12-21, 2001. Radio City Entertainment, Nintendo of America and 4Kids Entertainment present **Pokemon -- Live!**, a multimillion dollar, live stage musical featuring 17 giant production members, explosive sound effects and original music based on the world's #1 kids entertainment property.

Pokemon (pocket monsters) fever continues to take America and the world by storm. This season, the Pokemon TV show is #1 with kids age 2-11 and boys age 6-11. Following the release of two major motion pictures, Gameboy has introduced Gold and Silver editions of Pokemon to record shattering sales. This Christmas, the Pokemon license is the #1 licensed character brand filling toy shelves around the nation.

Featuring glorious Pokemon battles, imaginative puppetry, inventive costumes and live vocals, the elaborate and enchanting stage production captures the imaginations of children and parents alike with toe tapping numbers and family messages. **Pokemon -- Live!** tells the story of Ash, Pokemon master in training, who teams up with the

infamous yellow Pikachu and fellow trainees Misty and Brock to thwart the sinister schemes of Team Rocket in order to earn the Diamond badge. In an effort to rule the world, Team Rocket, led by the evil Giovanni and his ne'er do-well henchmen, Jessie and James try to strengthen their newly created secret weapon, MechaMew2 by battling more than 150 Pokemon with the goal of stealing the beloved Pikachu from Ash, Misty and Brock. At each performance, every child is given a color MechaMew2 card upon exiting the theatre.

Pokemon --Live! show times are 7:00 pm Friday, January 12; 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm Saturday, January 13; 1:00 pm

Sunday, January 14; 12:00 pm Monday, Jan. 15 (all seats \$15 for this performance only); 7:00 pm Thursday, Jan. 18; 7:00 pm Friday, January 19; 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm Saturday, January 20; and 1:00 pm Sunday, Jan. 21, 2001.

Tickets are \$14.50, \$19.50 and \$29.50. For the special holiday performance on Monday, January 15, all seats will be \$15. All opening night seats for Friday, January 12 are 50% off. Tickets are available through all Ticketmaster locations, the Rosemont Theatre box office, by phone at (312) 559-1212 or via the Internet at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

## United Methodist's covenant service

Worship at the Evergreen Park First United Methodist Church, 94th St. and Homan Ave., on Sunday, January 7, 2001, will feature John Wesley's Covenant Service and Baptismal Renewal.

The first Sunday of the millenium is a time to reaffirm our covenant with God and to celebrate what Christ has done and continues to do for us.

Everyone is invited to participate in this renewal experience. For further information contact Pastor Char Hoffmann at (708) 422-8451.

## Family ski trip

The Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department is offering a trip to Villa Olivia on Saturday, January 27. Transportation will leave the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd Street, at 9:00 am and return approximately 6:30 pm. The fee for children is \$40.00 and adults is \$45.00 (fee includes lesson, ski rental and slope pass). Register now at the Park Department. For information, call 430-4500.

## St. Laurence alumni banquet date set

St. Laurence High School and the Office of Alumni Relations have announced plans for its 13th Annual All Alumni Banquet. This year's event will take place the evening of Friday, February 16, from 7:00 pm to midnight at the Hickory Hills Country Club located on 95th Street, west of Roberts Road in Hickory Hills. The event is open to all graduates of St. Laurence, guests of graduates, faculty members (both current and former), and friends of the school. Advanced reservations are required.

Honored in a special way will be the members of the classes of '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, and '96, who will be celebrating their respective class reunions.

In addition, a number of school awards will be given out. The very prestigious St. Laurence O'Toole Award, given annually to individuals for their meritorious service to Laurence, will be bestowed. An Honorary Alumnus Award will be presented to a non graduate of the school whose dedication and service embody the mission of the institution. In addition, there will be an inductee into the St. Laurence Athletic Hall of Fame during the ceremonies.

The cost of the evening is \$55.00 per person, which includes a prime rib or an orange roughly dinner. For additional information, please contact Mr. Ed Kozak in the Alumni Relations Office at (708) 458-6900, ext. 253.



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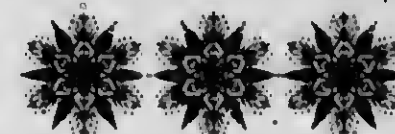
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# VILLAGE NEWS

All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

## Local Christmas Spirit

By Rick Techman

Thousands of homes throughout the 23rd Ward were decorated with Holiday art this Christmas season and there was a story behind every home. In some instances neighboring homes shared Christmas displays while other homes built one large holiday exhibit.

In all of these displays presented to the public for viewing, three in particular stand out this holiday season. The first home visited is at 6422 West 64th Street. A Christmas jewel in Clearing, this home was featured on broadcast news the week before Christmas encouraging people from around the city to come out and view it.

In Garfield-Ridge, Christmas decorations were beautiful and everywhere to be seen. But two homes in particular were chosen to be highlighted this year. Both Janet Luzzader of 5135 S. Menard and her sister Mary Beth Caudillo of 5224 S. Austin agreed to have their decorations featured because they used all hand-made art by their late father Paul Smith.

Paul Smith, a retired truck driver from Garfield-Ridge, developed a hobby at his wife, Lorraine Smith's, encouragement. During his

roughly 14 years of retirement before his passing, Paul created holiday art out of wood for family and friends for every season of the year.

Lorraine said, "He just did it as a hobby. I'd find patterns for him." She added, "and then he'd just start cutting his wood. He had a power saw and would do all of his cutting," she also said, "in the garage."

Lorraine said her husband actually won an award one year for his keen ability to create Christmas artwork. She said when her son, Jim Smith, and his wife Lori, decorated their Palos Hills home with Paul's decorations, they received a house award from the city. Lorraine added her husband Paul, also received an award from Palos Hills for his fine craftsmanship.

Lorraine Smith, also a Garfield-Ridge resident, said while Paul's art continues to decorate area homes throughout the area, he retired due to a heart problem and began to do this work around 1980 and passed away in 1992.



## The effects of a nontraditional education

By F.J. Soczek

*"There are two, and only two, keys to educational success: Hard work and parental involvement."*

Michael Farris, Home School Legal Defense Association.

Renee and Craig Mrazek of Hickory Hills are among the growing number of parents who have chosen to provide home schooling for their children.

The Mrazek's have five children, ages 12, 11, 4, 2 and 9 months and are currently providing home scholastic instruction for the three eldest.

Renee decided to provide home instruction for her children in part for religious reasons, because the Christian view of topics such as evolution is not presented in public schools. "I believe in teaching both sides of the subject (evolution) so the children can see the flaws in a concept where theory is taken as fact," she explained.

She also noted many families belonging to the Christian Bible school she attended were involved with home schooling, and found the results impressive.

Today, it is estimated approximately 700,000 to 1.2 million children nationwide are being taught at home.

Renee explained the typical reaction to home schooling is one of doubt and skepticism.

Among the questions are: "What about socialization of the children?" and "What kind of testing and (teaching) certification is provided?"

Renee has a degree in Music from DePaul University and closely follows a curriculum established by a prominent South Carolina university and specifically geared toward home schooling.

The "socialization" issue is not really valid, Renee explained. "After school activities, such as Scouting, Tae Kwon Do and music lessons are only a few of the ways the children interact with others of a similar age group."

"Children in a traditional setting frequently suffer from intense peer pressure, often involving clothing styles, and ultimately fall victim of a 'herd mentality'. At home, individualism is accepted and encouraged," she added.

The Mrazek's have recently installed a satellite dish to receive supplementary instruction in life sciences from a professor specializing in the field. Renee encourages reading with frequent trips to area libraries in addition to her daily instruction, which normally begins at 9 a.m. and ends around 2:30 p.m.

Initially, her 12 year old daughter and 11 year old son were taught together, but Renee observed the intense competition gave way to "copying" each

other's work. They are now given individual assignments and progress at their own pace. Traditional subjects include English, math, reading, science, history, spelling and art.

The personal attention devoted by Renee Mrazek has clearly paid off. According to scores achieved on the standardized Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), reading levels are several grades beyond the children's current education level.

This success does not appear to be an isolated occurrence.

In a comprehensive study of home schooled students conducted by Professor Lawrence Rudner of the University of Maryland, it was revealed achievement test scores in the target group were exceptionally high compared to their public/private school counterparts.

Rudner observed median scores (of home schoolers) were typically in the 70th to 80th percentile and approximately 25 percent were enrolled in one or more grades above their age level public/private school peers.

Rudner's study also cites parental demographic and background data as possible factors responsible for the high performance.

As a whole, the parents participating in home schooling completed more formal education, with a significant number possessing college degrees

and advanced degrees.

Family income is considerably greater in home school families, with the median income being \$52,000 per year as opposed to \$36,000 per year in the general population.

Rudner's study revealed 97 percent of those conducting home schooling are married couples. Most have more than one child.

Approximately 70 percent of home schooling parents have a Christian-based religious background.

Rudner notes home schooled children tend to watch much less television than their public school counterparts; older home school students (7th & 8th grade) appear to spend significantly less time on the computer.

For Renee Mrazek, what began as an experiment 8 years ago has literally turned into a unique lifestyle.

After observing so many children struggling due to lack of reading and other educational skills, Renee Mrazek is confident the personal attention a home school environment affords is clearly worth the effort. For the child. And for the parent, as well.



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## Moraine Valley makes staff appointments

Sylvia Jenkins, Chicago, has been appointed assistant dean for Teaching and Learning. She previously served as associate professor/departement chair of the Learning Resource Center. Before joining the Moraine Valley faculty, she was a librarian at Virginia Union University. She earned a master of library science degree at the State University of New York at Albany and a bachelor of science degree at Grambling State University.



Jennifer Langland, Frankfort, has been appointed coordinator of Student Life. She had served as college activities supervisor. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from Eastern Illinois University.



Diane Viverito, Chicago Ridge, has been appointed director of International Student Affairs. She has served as director of International Student Admissions and Recruitment. She has served in various administrative capacities involving international programs since joining Moraine Valley in 1984. She has a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

## Illinois State Museum Lockport gallery opens new facility

On Saturday, January 6, 2001, after more than thirteen years of successful operation in the historic Gaylord Building, the Illinois State Museum (ISM) Lockport Gallery will open the doors to its larger, more accessible ground floor facility in the Norton Building. The Museum is a division of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), an agency with a long history of involvement with the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor. According to Museum Director, R. Bruce McMillan, "the short move strategically retains the museum's position within the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor while creating enhanced opportunities for visitors to experience the art and artists of Illinois, past and present. With this move, the Museum will continue its long stand-

ing relationship with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Museum will serve as an anchor at the south end of the Public Landing with the National Trust's Gaylord Building as the anchor at the north end."

"It is our goal to have the ISM Lockport Gallery become a cultural and educational stop for the southwest suburbs and fast growing area of Will County," said Brent Manning, Director of the IDNR. "The new location will serve as a gateway for exploring not only the museum but also an entire historic and cultural campus." Easily accessed from this point are the Scale House (slated as a future visitors' center), historic downtown Lockport, the Gaylord Donnelly Canal Trail, the Gaylord Building, and the Will County Historical



## Chicago Ridge Friendship Club

General Superintendent, Joseph Nevius, of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, announced that a Police Officer from the Canine Division, will put on a demonstration for Chicago Ridge Friendship Club, Monday, January 8, 11:30 am at Chicago Ridge Village Hall, 10455 S. Ridgeland Ave. Alice Cygan, coordinator; announced that the officer will explain why and what the other dogs are trained for, how obedience is taught and all other interesting aspects. The usual dogs of choice are the German Shepard and Rotweiler. Pictured is officer Mal Tallungan with his dog, Juda.

## League of Women Voters of Palos and Orland

Everyone is talking about election law, voter registration, punch card ballots and the Electoral College. For over 80 years, the League of Women Voters has spoken out on the importance of each citizen's vote and on issues that impact Americans' access to the ballot. We have long supported the organization of Illinois election laws, the National Voters Registration Act (Motor Voter), campaign finance reform, direct election of the president and uniform voting qualifications and procedures for the presidential elections.

Illinois Election Laws: Illinois has 110 separate election authorities, which translates to uneven and inconsistent voter registration and election procedures. What can we do? The League believes that the State Board of

Elections should be strengthened to ensure uniformity and accuracy in registration and voting procedures, in accordance with the requirements of the Illinois Constitution.

Motor Voter, (NVRA), passed Congress in 1993 and has yet to be incorporated into the Illinois election code. Many of the problems reported during the 2000 election may actually be due to the inconsistent application of NVRA rules and regulations by each election authority. What can we do? The League firmly believes that a statewide voter registration system, including statewide computerization of registration records, should be implemented.

Campaign Finance Reform: Illinois is the most wide open campaign financ-

ing state in the Union, with few regulations on contribution limits, ethics, or contribution disclosure. The Illinois League's Education Fund project, Illinois Campaign for Political Reform, provides leadership in the discussion on sensible state campaign finance restraints. What can we do? Illinois can pass significant campaign finance reform legislation, beginning with the reinstatement of the 1998 ethics and mandatory electronic disclosure legislation. The League will continue to strongly advocate for a statewide voter's guide, public funding and contribution limits.

Electoral College: The League of Women Voters supports the direct election of the president by popular vote. What can we do? Since abolishing the Electoral College

will be difficult and requires an amendment to the U.S. Constitution, we can focus on measures that can be implemented in Illinois. We can allocate Illinois' electoral votes in proportion to the popular vote and bind the electors to vote as directed by the voters.

We the people of Illinois can make these reforms a reality. Please join us in protecting the integrity of your vote, ensuring that each vote counts and making sure your voice is heard in Springfield and in Washington. Democracy is not a spectator sport!

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*This issue see our Village View insert on Mayor Vacco's retirement with past pictures and good will wishes.*

## More complications with the cost for new traffic lights

by Jude Coyle

On January 2, 2001, Engineer Robert Boehm raised the Evergreen Park Village Board's ire once again with what he declared as "the project that won't go away." He referred to the ongoing complications with the lights at 91st and Western, where Evergreen Park and Chicago border each other. The Federal Government will pick up 70% of the cost for their replacement. The balance of that is \$25,000, and should be split between the Village and the City of Chicago.

According to Mr. Boehm, City officials informed his office that unless Evergreen Park picks up a portion of the cost of maintaining the newly installed planters on medians along Western, between 91st and 93rd, Chicago will not pay their portion of the cost to install the lights.

Boehm says that three months ago he was told this cost would come to \$25,000 a year. According to Mr. Boehm, the medians are beautiful. But two years ago, when the City decided to build the planters, they told the Village what they planned, and did not give them an option of whether the Village would like to be part of this. City officials mentioned then that Evergreen Park might be expected to pop for about \$10,000 for upkeep, but no more, and certainly not on a continuous basis.

Since the last Village Board meeting, Mr. Boehm received a letter from 19th Ward Alderman Ginger Rugai. The City would agree to pay their portion of the installation of the traffic signals if the Village would agree to pay \$10,000 a year for the next five years towards the upkeep of the planters.

Trustee Norbert Smith reacted, saying that the wording in the letter made him feel as if 'he had a gun to his head.' Trustee Carol Kyle agreed. She referred a project from a few years earlier when the City expected the Village to share the cost of work done at another intersection. The Village disagreed then, but in the end was forced by IDOT to go along with the City's wishes. She felt disagreeing with the City's plans now would result the same way. Clerk Jim Sexton commented that he hated to cut off the lines of communication. With that in mind the Board reluctantly agreed to accept the City's proposal.

According to Mr. Boehm, 91st Street will be repaved from Western to Kedzie. East of the CSX tracks, sewer lines will be laid on the north side of the street, and water main will eventually be laid on the south side. Currently, when the pond from the Beverly Country Club overflows, it runs under 91st Street, and sits in a drainage ditch on the

north side. The new sewer should contain this.

The Board approved Ordinance No. 1-2001, which provides for the appropriation for the corporate fiscal year beginning 11/1/00, and ending 10/31/01. Funds set aside total \$18,018,668. This includes \$773,900 for General Administration, \$1,345,000 for the Street Department; \$4,426,653 for the Police Department; \$1,741,948 for the Fire Department. Other expenditures are planned for the Citizens Service Department, Parks Department, Recreational Department, Youth Commission, Building Department, Community Center, Sewer and Water Departments, etc.

The Village Board approved two business regulation licenses. Crystal Communication Tech Corp is maintaining a mailbox only at 9824 S. Western. They are a consulting firm. Williamson Heating is a heating and air conditioning firm located at 3611 W. 95th St.

Because of Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday celebration, the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 16.

## The Oak Lawn TOPS

The Oak Lawn TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter meets from 10:30 am to noon Tuesdays at St. Gerald Elementary School,



Pictured are the late Cardinal Bernardin and Mayor Anthony Vacco, Evergreen Park, at the Dedication of a new wing at Little Company of Mary Hospital in the late '80s.

9300 S. Central Ave., Oak Lawn.

Sessions focus on weight loss techniques and how to keep off excess pounds. Additional information can be obtained by calling Marianne Boncela, chapter leader, (708) 636-7965.

## Library Board meeting date change

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees has changed their next monthly meeting date to Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 pm.

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Meetings are open to the public at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, in the Oak Lawn Rotary Room, lower level.

Library board members are: Lee Stein, president; Joann Buschbach, vice president; Shirley Barrett, secretary; Robert Honkisz, treasurer; Lois Gasteyer, Patricia Roberts and Marian Sullivan, trustees.

## Bridgeview Village Board meeting highlights

by Jude Coyle

Trustee Pticek presented two ordinances to the Bridgeview Village Board for consideration on January 10. One ordinance redefines guidelines pertaining to residency requirements for Village employees. The other outlines changes in accident, bereavement and sick leave benefits, sick leave and sick leave disability. Mayor Landek asked that both items are tabled until discussions can be conducted with the three unions representing Village employees. According to Mayor Landek, two union representatives have already seen these and have questions or suggestions. The Board agreed and tabled the discussion.

Trustee Wayne Grabinski asked the Board to approve business licenses for the following: Bridgeview Machining Corp., 9016 S.

Thomas is a general machine shop. DIA Association, 9110 Beloit is a home based real estate office.

The Salvation Army is rehabing the facilities at 9000 S. Harlem. They plan to open a thrift shop there. They wrote to Mayor Landek, asking that the Village waive permit fees for the cost of a building permit. According to the letter, the Salvation Army, a non profit organization, will use proceeds from this operation to support their work providing food and shelter to less fortunate members of the community.

Trustee Norma Pinion announced that flu and pneumonia shots will be available at the Community Center on 1/28 from 6 to 8 pm. Shots are recommended from seniors 50 and older and for the chronically ill. The next Senior Movie Day will be 1/17, 11 am at the Community Center.



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—Friedrich Nietzsche  
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## Vacco reminisces on his past

By F J Soczek

After thirty two and one half years in public office, Mayor Anthony Vacco of Evergreen Park has decided it is time to retire.

During a recent interview with the Mayor, Anthony Vacco reminisced about his unprecedented tenure with the Village of Evergreen Park, and provided a glimpse into the private side of a very public-oriented individual.

Anthony Vacco was born and raised on the West side of Chicago in the neighborhood known as Little Italy, at Vernon Park and Aberdeen Streets.

He later moved to Sacramento and Polk Street in Chicago and attended John Erickson School,

Manley Jr. High and Crane Tech HS.

In 1943, he attended the U.S. Army college and ultimately served 32 months in the military in the medical corps. He was stationed in Hawaii and the South Pacific. After serving on Saipan, he was sent to two Jima, where he spent his last 8 months of service prior to his discharge in December, 1946.

Shortly after his return home to Chicago, he married his wife, Patricia, in August, 1946.

Vacco was re-hired after his return from the war by Montgomery Ward. Shortly thereafter, he took a job as an insurance agent with Metropolitan Life.

In 1949, Vacco bought a news agency at Polk and Pulaski in Chicago, only to

## Brosnahan votes to expand heating assistance program

State Representative Jim Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) today announced more low income households in Illinois will soon be eligible for state sponsored heating assistance through the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Representative Brosnahan voted with other legislators this week to approve House Bill 50, which will raise the income eligibility for energy assistance from 125% of the poverty level to 150%. Under the program, energy assistance benefits are provided directly to the household's gas or electric company to help defray the cost of heat. Governor Ryan signed the bill into law.

"With the rising price of natural gas, many residents in our community are struggling to pay exorbitant heating bills," said Brosnahan. "Expanding LIHEAP will ensure that more low income families, seniors, and other individuals will gain the assistance they need to keep their homes heated during these bitter cold winter months."

Under approved legislation, an additional \$24.7 million in Federal Emergency Contingency Funds will be made available to the State of Illinois to assist an additional 47,000 households pay their heating bills this winter. Individuals earning less than \$1,044 a month; two person households

earning less than \$1,406; and families of four earning less than \$1,776 are now eligible for energy assistance.

"Unfortunately, many households are currently faced with making a choice between heating their homes or purchasing other basic necessities," stated Brosnahan. "It is unacceptable that anyone should have to make such a decision, and I am pleased the General Assembly was able to pass legislation ensuring more households across Illinois will acquire the energy assistance they need and deserve. With the expansion of LIHEAP, more households will gain emergency assistance to repair broken furnaces, lower the cost of energy bills, and regain heating services that have been previously disconnected."

LIHEAP is administered by utilizing a network of local service agencies and utility companies to determine eligibility and provide benefits to qualifying individuals and families. For more information on LIHEAP, residents may contact: Community and Economic Association of Cook County, 208 S. LaSalle St., Suite 850, Chicago, IL, 60604-1001, (312) 456-4100, or call the LIHEAP toll free hotline: 1-800-252-8643.

The heart to conceive, the understanding to direct, and the hand to execute.



find himself out of work following a merger of two publications, the Chicago Sun and the Chicago Times.

In 1951, he moved to California and bought a small grocery store. He soon discovered he could not effectively compete with the new "supermarket" chains that were growing in popularity.

Coupled with the fact his wife was "homesick," Vacco returned to Chicago in 1953.

In 1955, Anthony Vacco moved to Evergreen Park and soon became active in the political arena.

His first exposure came in 1956, during Eisenhower's second election.

He took a day off from his job at the Sun Times and passed out literature at the polling place. Later he was introduced to the Republican committeeman, and soon became a precinct captain.

In 1961, Anthony Vacco became active in the new Evergreen Park Coalition Party, with whom he had hoped to run for Village Clerk in the next election.

Unfortunately, his "support" was withdrawn and he was asked to wait two more years. He was then appointed to a five year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

In 1963, Vacco ran for Village Trustee and lost by one vote. Two years later, he was finally elected Trustee as part of a new slate of candidates.

One of the highlights of Vacco's early career was his involvement in the 75th Anniversary celebration of Evergreen Park in 1968.

As chairman of a 25 person committee, Vacco organized businesses from Evergreen Plaza, local schools, churches, banks and civic organizations to create a gala, nine day anniversary celebration.

Following the death of the incumbent Mayor, Anthony Vacco became interim Mayor for six months until the next election.

In 1969, Anthony Vacco's popularity was soundly affirmed with the first of his astonishing eight consecutive Mayoral victories.

Vacco still recalls the day he informed his boss at the newspaper of his intentions to pursue new interests.

"But what will you do if you're not re-elected?"

Anthony Vacco did not appear to be worried.

Vacco attributes his political longevity to the fact he always tries to make himself accessible to the public. He intimated that although he can't always help someone out, he will at least listen to his constituent's problems and try to point them in the right direction for assistance.

Vacco recalled the time he received a desperate call the day before a wedding.

It seemed the local priest refused to perform the ceremony after discovering the groom was divorced.

"You're like the Captain of a ship," the petitioner implored. "You can perform the marriage."

While Anthony Vacco knew he couldn't, he also knew of a judge who could.

A call was made, and a happy wedding ensued.

Vacco likes to tell of his twenty year fight to obtain a special zip code for Evergreen Park.

It was frustrating to receive mail addressed to Mayor Vacco, Chicago, Illinois.

Since the early 1980's, Anthony Vacco was also a familiar face on a long running television presentation which focused on Village affairs.

The Mayor's departure is clearly at a high point in the development of the Village.

Recent accomplishments such as the new Fire Station, Ball Field and Ice Rink appear to signal a new beginning, rather than an ending.

But it really won't be an ending. At least not in the traditional sense.

A small bronze plaque on the Mayor's desk perhaps sums it up best: *I'm not getting older-- I'm just getting better.*

Mayor Anthony Vacco noted he would like to help out--albeit in an advisory capacity. And the fortunate people of Evergreen Park have little reason to doubt his word.

Just ask the guy at the newspaper....



# Oak Lawn Trustee's meeting

By: F.J. Söczek

The recent heavy snowfall and its aftermath were the dominant topics of the January 9th Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting.

Most, if not all of the complaints and observations voiced by the Trustees have been addressed repeatedly in the past, but somehow appeared to have amplified following several moderate (by Chicago-area standards) winters.

The problem of snowed-in alleys resurfaced, as many residents were literally blocked in (or out) of their garages.

There is no "official" Village policy for snow removal in alley-ways. Many residents requesting relief have reported outright refusals from the Public Works department.

Trustee Ron Stancik suggested contacting Waste Management, the company that provides refuse removal for the Village, and possibly arrange to have a garbage truck place a blade on the

front of the vehicle.

Stancik noted similar trucks are used by the City of Chicago for snow removal and reasoned a comparable arrangement might benefit the Village.

Stancik neglected to mention the Village of Oak Lawn currently owns numerous large vehicles that could accomplish the same purpose.

Apparently re-negotiating a contract with an outside contractor is preferable to effectively employing existing Village resources.

Stancik further observed large mounds of snow "with cars under them" are an "absolute hazard."

Trustee Wm Keane explained how he arranged to have "snowed-in" car owners on side streets called to move their vehicles so snow plows could function more efficiently.

Keane noted that in many cases, the plow truck could only clear the center of a street due to the parked cars on both sides. This further aggravated those vehicles

initially "plowed-in" by municipal vehicles, particularly when light snow turned to ice due to errant weather changes.

A suggestion was made to coordinate odd/even plowing days on side streets and publicize the policy in the Village news letter and the cable TV public access channel.

Trustee Jerry Hurckes explained the Fire Department uses an electronic tracking system for locating fire hydrants in the event of excessive snow fall.

Hurckes stated in the "winter" issue of the Village news letter he "contacted by mail, all the businesses on 95th Street to request that they remove the snow from in front of their businesses as soon as possible."

Although a polite gesture, anyone who, by necessity, walks on 95th Street (or any street) after these common snow buildups inches from the speeding traffic would sense sidewalk shoveling should be more than just an "option."

The new Metra parking lot is now open, and Trustee Stancik urged the installation of "speed bumps" to prevent patrons from using the adjacent

Pilgrim Faith Church lot as a "street."

Trustee Steve Rosenbaum suggested large trucks be prohibited from extended parking in commercial areas, such as the Green Oaks Shopping Center. He also urged an increased consideration for emergency vehicles, in light of a recent fatality which occurred in Chicago.

Rosenbaum also invited all residents to attend his regular "community" meeting, which will be held January 30th, at 7:30 pm at the Salem United Church, 9717 South Kostner. The special guest speaker will be Mayor Ernie Kolb.

The Village Board unanimously agreed to consider a suggestion by Hometown

Mayor Donald Robertson to coordinate curfew times in Oak Lawn, Chicago Ridge, Bridgeview and Hometown.

Oak Lawn Police Chief Houk stated he had no problem with a more "standardized" curfew schedule, but insisted it should correspond with State statutes.

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



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# 1968 through the '70s Village View salutes Anthony Vacco

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## Bury Time Capsule On Diamond Anniversary

Burying the 75th Anniversary Time Capsule at the Evergreen Park Village hall during the celebration are, from left,

Clifford Otto, Mayor Henry Klein and Trustee Anthony Vacco.

## Were Those The Good Old Days?

Life in Evergreen Park at the time of incorporation was certainly no bargain by present day comparison.

Dim kerosene lamps illuminated not only the homes and businesses but the streets as well. Evening recreation was concentrated around hearth and home with very little reason to venture forth from the safety and warmth of ones own home. Even the advent of electricity at the turn of the century did little to improve conditions as the direct current supply was fickle and every electrical storm knocked out the lights.

Indoor plumbing was unknown, telephones were non-existent, automobiles were a dream and water was obtained from backyard wells or from pumps. The community was rural and neighboring homes were quite a distance away making travel by foot or by horseback necessary and quite difficult when the winter snows swept in from the west.

Fire was a constant hazard since almost all structures were made from wood and with no fire department, citizen bucket brigades were the only means of extinguishing fires. Police protection was given by two men—a policeman during the day and a "night watch" for after dark duty.

Even the thoroughfares were dirt roads which became quagmires when the rains came or during the spring thaw. Septic tanks were the only means of sewage disposal and the "storm drains" were deep, wide ditches along 95th st.

Any recreation outside the home was afforded by gossip and checker games around the old stoves in general stores or conversation along with liquid refreshment at a local saloon. Other social events were conducted at the only church in town, the First Methodist Church at 94th and Homan.

When the weather allowed, families could picnic at Wolf's Grove located on the southwest corner of 95th and Kedzie and in the evenings young lovers could walk along the path near the grove which was dubbed "Lovers' Lane."

In todays world of automobiles, TV, stereo, automatic washers and dryers, electric garbage disposals, power lawn mowers and snow throwers it is difficult to conjure a grandpa getting up in the middle of the night to visit the backyard outhouse or to heave himself up from a warm bed before the crack of dawn to feed the chickens or milk the cows. We have certainly come a long way in 90 years.... or have we?

## Publisher's Pen

by Annette Dixon

This issue contains a supplement which is dedicated to one of the greatest mayors Evergreen Park had in its history of 107 years.

Mayor Vacco has served 54 years in Public Service and prior to becoming mayor in 1968 he was a trustee in Evergreen Park.

We wanted to dedicate a supplement in Village View to Mayor Vacco because of

his friendship to many businesses in Evergreen Park. "He is the man."

It is because of this overwhelming support from business people that we are able to donate in behalf of Mayor Anthony Vacco, eight hundred dollars to the Village Pantry Coalition of Evergreen Park.

Thank you for all of your support, Mayor Vacco, and may you enjoy the rest of your days doing exactly what you want!

## Vacco jailed by OL youth

John Lasacco Jr, an OL youth, fostered and put into action, the idea of having mayor Tony Vacco of EP, arrested and placed in jail to raise money for the March of Dimes.

The fund raiser turned into a fun fest on a recent Saturday when Vacco was incarcerated in a cell, placed in the center of the adm bldg on 94th & Kedzie. Two gayly painted buckets for money were placed on the floor; one to hold donations to keep Vacco in jail, the other to let him out. At 3 pm, time for his release there was \$851.49 to keep him in and \$1884.15 to let him out.

Patty Collier, poster child was present all day as well as Violet Garaffo, asst dir of the area's March of Dimes.

John Lasacco, 15, is chmn of the Teen Action Program in the State of Illinois. A sophomore at Richards NE, and a member of the speech team, he spends 3 hrs a day on the pr phone for the March of Dimes.

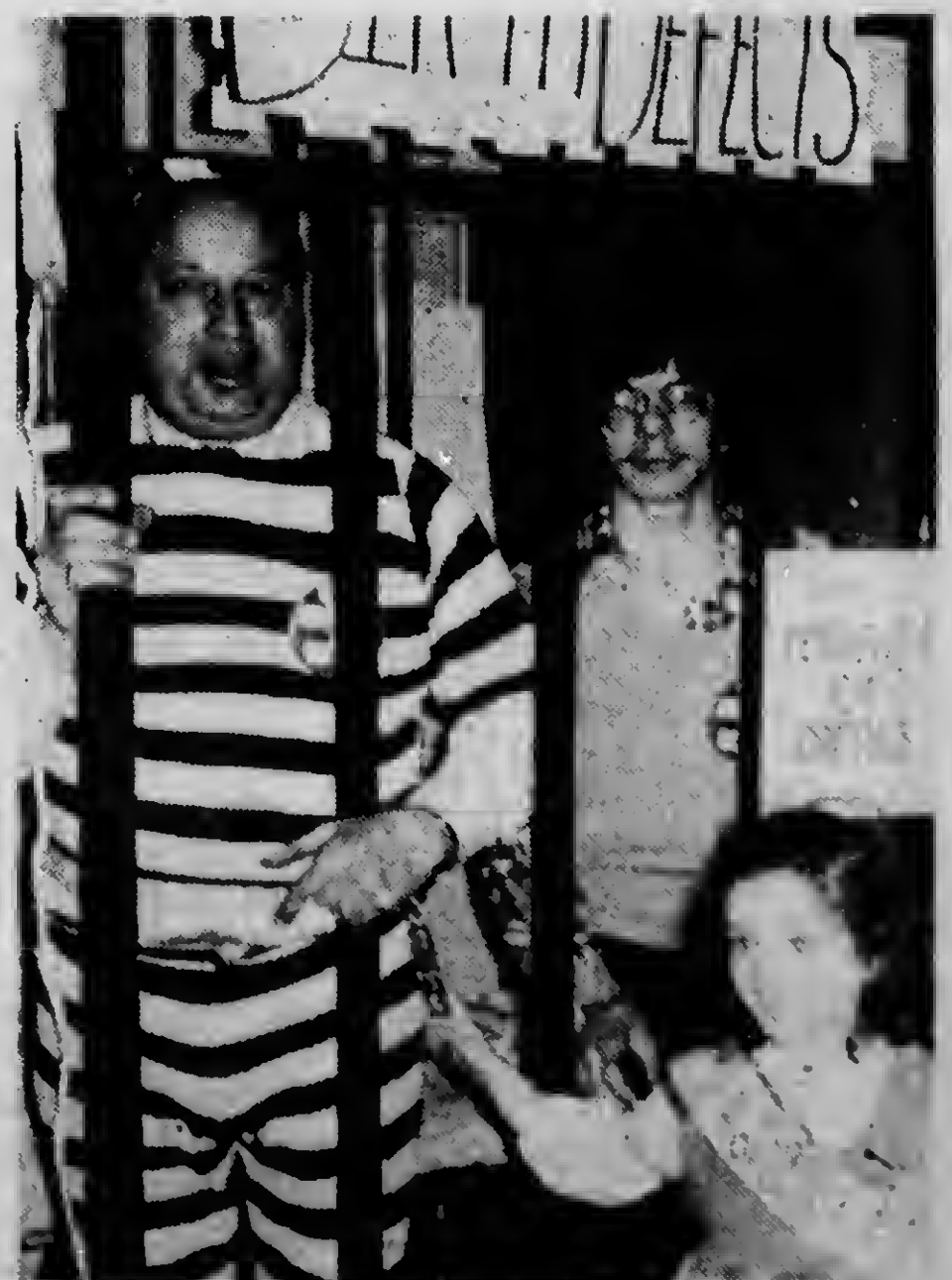
John was the jail and bail originator, he built and painted the cell. He works part time at Fox Lumber Company, 11150

Cicero, who also donated the lumber and necessary materials for the jail.

In 1973, John was asst chmn of Teen Tag Day and raised \$1500 in one day. He recently was a guest of Governor Walker for lunch.

Mayor Vacco said that money is still coming in. He has received copies of papers from California, New York and several other states that had stories about EP and his day in jail. An Oak Lawn woman on vacation sent him a Florida paper saying that she had never met him but being from a neighboring village she thought he would probably enjoy seeing the article. Vacco said 'he also received a \$5 donation from a woman in Ohio who had seen the article. The Lasacco lad should be commended by both villages for his interest in this worthy cause.

1974, VILLAGE VIEW





# Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirity  
kathywhirity@mymailstation.com

## Mayor Anthony Vacco

It is a time celebrated in the golden years of our lives. Long after children are raised, and the responsibility of accomplishing career goals are met, the reality of retirement dawns as a new chapter of life.

On April 30th, Mayor of Evergreen Park, Anthony Vacco, will retire from office, an office he has held for 32 years.

In writing this column, I first thought about interviewing Mayor Vacco but decided against it. I really didn't want to report statistics and dates, information that has all probably been in print at one time or another.

My next thought was to write about Mayor Vacco's plans for retirement, but I declined on that idea as well since everyone will be asking that question, in the days to come.

It wasn't until I began talking with Village employee, Chris McCann, that I knew exactly how I would write this column.

Thanks to her cooperation and that of other Evergreen Park Village employees, the following is a compilation of memories, recalled by those who've worked side by side with Mayor Vacco and who have known him, not only as Mayor, but as the man behind the Mayor as well.

So here's to you Mayor Vacco, as told in the sentiment of fellow employees and political peers.

### "THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES"

Mayor Gene Siegel, of Chicago Ridge, spoke of a man dedicated to the Village of Evergreen Park. A mighty man whom he affectionately dubbed King Farouk, who didn't mince words, but who was committed to the everyday needs of the people, a man not beyond reproach.

Mayor Siegel laughed over the recollection of the 'lit cigar' fiasco, when Mayor Vacco almost set fire to the interior of Mayor Siegel's brand new car. According to this long time friend, Mayor Vacco is also notorious for being a back seat driver, who'll have one last chance at giving directions, as they head to Springfield, for a legislative meeting, a final joyride shared.



Betty Johnston, supervisor of computer operations, 23 years with the Village, remembers: When an 8 year old had an appointment to meet with the Mayor. The child came in carrying a shoebox filled with baseball cards. When the little boy sat in the chair he was so small, his feet didn't even touch the ground, but it didn't matter, he and the Mayor sat trading cards.

Once, when a recently widowed woman, who was rather upset, came in about an overdue water bill, the Mayor reached into his own pocket and told her, "this is just between you and me."

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Jackie Murphy, (building dept.), 10 years with the Village, cheerfully contributes this memory: Enjoyed stories about Mayor Vacco and Debbie Reynolds at the Chamber of Commerce dinner this past October. They danced together and had what some people would call a comedy act. The next day he was in attendance at the Drury Lane Theatre for Debbie's show, when Debbie introduced the Mayor and told everyone, "even the Mayor has time to see my show," and gave him a BIG hug.

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Fran Gory, Secretary to the Mayor since 1985, sums up her memories this way: Mayor Vacco gave me so much of himself in participating for charitable collections, standing on the corner of 95th and Kedzie Avenue, where people driving past would recognize him and call out to him, "Hi Mayor Vacco." The Cancer Society had a mock jail installed in the 1st National Bank of Evergreen Park where people could 'keep the Mayor in jail' or donate money to let him out. He was always such a good sport! He is always delighted to be with children, whether he went to see them for an event at school, or if they came as a class to visit him in his office. He enjoys their questions about his position as the Mayor of his beloved Village of Evergreen Park.

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There you have it. What a wonderful tribute to a political figure and family man, whose hard work ethics and sincerity has touched so many lives. Good luck Mayor Anthony Vacco, may you enjoy a rich and fulfilling retirement.

Jerry Bosch, Village Trustee had this to say, on the subject of Mayor Vacco: Since 1985, I have had the pleasure to serve as Village Trustee. During those years my pleasure to serve the people of Evergreen has been highlighted by the opportunity to serve them with Anthony Vacco as Mayor. Memories of those years that stand out are the fact that whatever problem that developed, Mayor Vacco would always find a solution. He is gentle yet firm, he is strong willed yet compassionate, and above all he is true, loyal, and deeply in love with the people and the Village of Evergreen Park.

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Cathy Aparo, Information Officer--17 years with the Village shares this tid bit: After 17 years, it's difficult to choose one or two fond memories. I was always impressed by the Mayor's ability to relate to people on a continuum, from small children at our art contests, to Senior citizens at the volunteer luncheons, and everyone in between. My fondest memories of him are the annual golf outings we held at Evergreen Country Club. We worked hard, put in a very long two days, but also had a lot of fun.

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Chris McCann, a office clerk--8 years with the Village, remembers: Celebrating his 75th birthday with him. Hearing him sing "my way," with Maurice the entertainer, at his dinner on September 6th, 2000.

Getting a prank call from him on her 40th birthday, by way of a singing telegram he delivered himself!

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Lou Wilks, employed 25 years with Village, fondly recalls: Working for him as a boss, but feeling like he's a second father.

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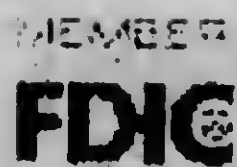
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## Illinois municipal league



Village clerk Ernie Kolb was celebrating a triple victory for the village. Shown with him is his wife, Peggy Kolb.



After good luck wishes to pres Dumke, Governor Walker, talked on the "state" of the State in front of the flag draped podium.



Mayors from all over the State of Illinois attended the convention. Shown above are those from the villages surrounding Oak Lawn. Pictured in the rear (l to r) Mayors Stephen Flowers, Hickory Hills; Gene Siegel, Chicago Ridge; Walter Kerstra, Worth; William Bailey, Palos Heights; and Tony Vacco, Evergreen Park. In the front on the left is Toby Anderson, Hometown and Fred Dumke.

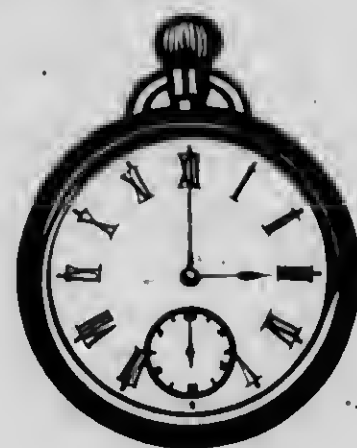
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## Ozinga, Huskey, Vacco endorsed by GOP

Frank Ozinga, Herb Huskey and Anthony Vacco, mayor of EP, were endorsed by the GOP, 8th District slatemakers last week. Ozinga an incumbent, was slated for re-election as state senator in the spring primary, Huskey and Vacco were slated for state representatives in the House.

Other candidates appearing before the committee were, state reps Jane Barnes, Edward Steigler, pres of the E. Steigler Products Co, and alderman in Palos Heights;

John Lanigan, former state senator from Chicago who was seeking the endorsement for state senator. Lanigan is now a resident of Palos Park.

Romie Palmer, a four term winner announced he will not seek re-election and is returning to private practice.

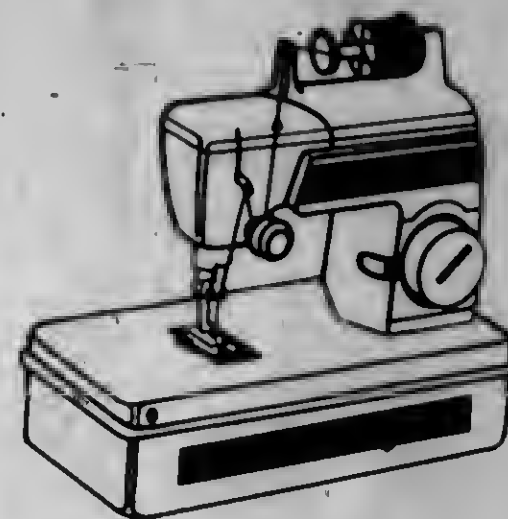
The slate making committee was comprised of 5 committeemen. There are 205 precincts in the 8th District and each of the 5 committeemen have votes

totaling the number of precincts in their area. Ron Larson, Worth Twp has 158 votes; Marvin Stein, Lemont Twp has 13 votes; Sam Ruffalo, Calumet Twp has 6 votes. The total of these votes, 177 were cast for Ozinga, Huskey and Vacco. William Petric, Palos committeeman and Timothy Szwed of Orland, abstained.

Mr Lanigan, who was very upset over the com-

mitteemen's vote, said that he would run for the senate seat without the endorsement.

Jane Barnes, who stayed for the outcome, asked if this was final. Larson answered, "Yes it is." Petrick then said he wanted it known that he and Szwed held out for an open primary. Mrs Barnes then told the committeemen that she was running for the seat.



Mayor Vacco hosts his own Y2K show

Mayor Anthony Vacco of Evergreen Park will host Y2K speaker, Lawrence C. Sarsoun on his weekly television program. Sarsoun, a former member of Chicago's International Monetary Market, will discuss the coming Y2K crisis, the so-called "Millennium Bug," that threatens to shut down key industries on January 1, 2000. Mayor Vacco's program is aired on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, at 5 p.m., on the local public access channel 43. The Y2K program will air on Friday, April 23.

"The purpose of our program is to educate the public on all the things they can do as individuals, families, and as a community to prepare for the Y2K crisis," Sarsoun said in a recent interview.

## Over 1,000 honor Vacco at Annual Dinner

The United Homeowners Party of Evergreen Park held its Annual Dinner Dance honoring Mayor Tony Vacco at the beautiful Martinique Restaurant. Father William Murphy, Pastor of Queen of Martyrs Parish delivered the invocation and Mayor Vacco welcomed all those that attended.

Arthur Rubloff, well known realtor and owner of the Evergreen Park Plaza, and Tony De Santis, owner of the Martinique (Mr Vic Gentile, General Manager of the Martinique accepted the award for Mr De Santis) were presented plaques by Mayor Vacco in appreciation for their outstanding service to the Village of Evergreen

Park.

Some of the proceeds from this dinner dance will be presented to the Park Lawn and Garden Schools for the Handicapped. In addition special plans are underway to make a special donation towards the purchase of equipment for the new community center to be purchased in the very near future.

Some of the other outstanding events the United Homeowners conduct are the annual picnic held for all residents of Evergreen Park and the distribution each year of Christmas Baskets to needy families in Evergreen Park.

VILLAGE VIEW 1977



Shown above at the annual dinner dance honoring Mayor Anthony Vacco are (l to r) Mayor Vacco, Mrs Pat Vacco, Father William Murphy and Hamilton B. Maher, village clerk.

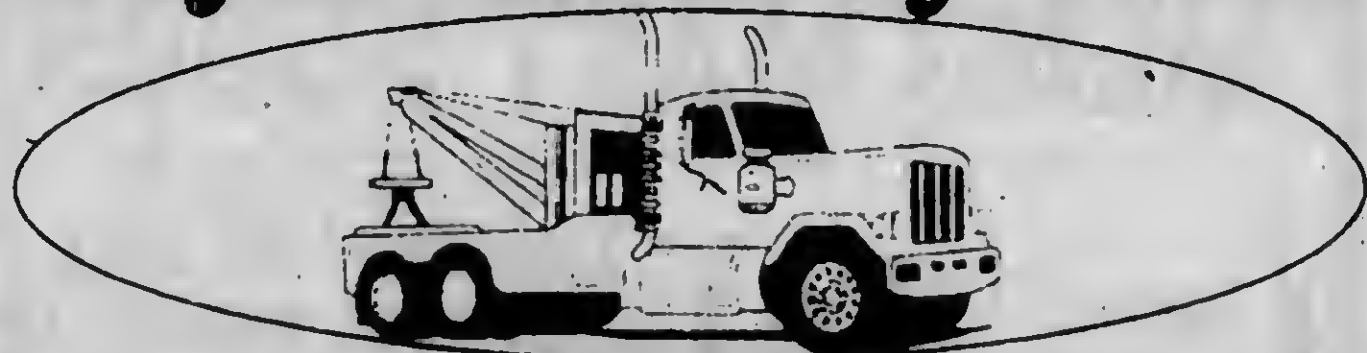
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#### MAYOR VACCO A REPEATER

Mayor Anthony Vacco of Evergreen Park spent the day in jail on Saturday, Oct 30, but all for a good cause, the March of Dimes. Found guilty for the second year in a row, Vacco was taken before a judge and given a sentence. A certain amount of donated dollars could be either to keep him in or bail him out before 3 pm. The visitors paid more to keep him in and he therefore put in his full time. Many of the officials came to visit mayor Vacco along with cong Marty Russo, who indeed felt said but also paid to keep him in the jug.

VILLAGE VIEW 1976

## Mayor Vacco against development of cemetery

by Carlene O'Connor

The Village Board meeting Monday, November 19, brought up some serious proposals for Evergreen Park. One was the village against a Centrum Properties who seeks to put a shopping mall on 30 vacant acres. These acres are part of Evergreen Cemetery at 87th Street and Kedzie Avenue.

Some residents protested and voiced thier opposition. As Frank Bosco, 9120 Central Park described it, "We need a shopping mall like we need more taxes." He told Mayor Vacco, "I know you are fighting big money, but we are behind you."

Vacco's response was, "We support keeping the area as is and will continue to fight. We have submitted proposals to four different law firms. One has responded and we are waiting for others."

A business regulation certificate was given to American Fair Credit. Located at 3147 W. 95th Street it will help people re-establish a credit rating.

A request by the residents on the 9400 block of South Harding to have the barricade removed was granted and a two-way stop (north and south) will be erected.

The first Planning Commission was developed. Trustee Jerome Bosch said, "Twenty-five Evergreen residents applied for the position of chairman and Fred Shannon, 10130 St. Louis was appointed chairman."

On accepting his new position, Shannon said, "I thank you for the confidence you have in me. The initial project will be for developing our mission statement of the community."

The first meeting will be December 6th at the Hamilton Maher Community Center.

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## Evergreen Park Chamber meeting



Pictured: (left to right) front, State Representative Andy McGann, Mayor Anthony Vacco, (rear) Laura Shallow, VP of Standard Bank of Evergreen Park and Robert J. Moynihan, Ketchan and Moynihan Funeral Home. (Photo by John R. Klein)

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VILLAGE VIEW March 1984

## Growth of suburban communities continue

"The growth and development of Oak Lawn is closely paralleled with the growth of Talman," said Edward Springer in an Oak Lawn perspective. In 1920 a zoning commission was established and evolved strictly enforced building and zoning codes. With this emphasis on quality, the demand for housing in this community has been and continues to be,

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In the nineteen sixties and seventies, the village experienced significant growth. What has come from this growth is the privilege to enjoy the following:

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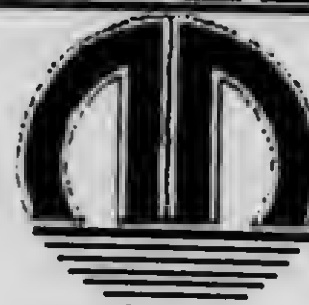
The Talman Home management was recently escorted on a tour of Oak Lawn, Evergreen Park, and Beverly to become more familiar with these communities.

Evergreen Park Mayor Anthony Vacco, Oak Lawn Mayor Ernie Kolb welcomed Frank A. Cizon and Bernard A. Polek from Talman Home to their villages.

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Pictured here at the ribbon-cutting ceremony heralding the Official Grand Opening of "One Capitol Court" in Evergreen Park, are (left to right): Donald Hartz, President, Hartz Construction Company; Mayor Anthony Vacco, Village of Evergreen Park; Eric Bunt, President, Capitol Federal Savings and Loan Association, and Clyde Fields, Director of Marketing, Hartz Construction Company. One Capitol Court is a prestigious office condominium located at 9401 S. Pulaski. 1987, VILLAGE VIEW

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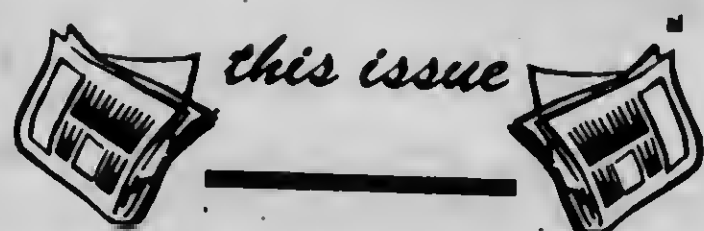
*Gene Siegel  
Mayor of Chicago Ridge*





## Kick off reception held at St. Xavier

Pictured: Trying on a Saint Xavier College tie is Mayor Anthony Vacco of Evergreen Park who is serving on the 1988-89 Annual Fund Committee for Saint Xavier College. Also attending the Committee Kick-Off Reception were Laura Shallow (left) of Beverly, Vice President of Standard Bank and Trust Co., and Patricia Daley, Director of Development at Saint Xavier.



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Completed applicants must be submitted to Ms. Kates in a folder with all required documentation by April 10, 2001.



Mayor Vacco's benefit for Carol's Van more than successful

Smiles of appreciation were the order of the day for Beverly and Tom Horrell at Mayor Anthony Vacco's Golf Day Dinner.

Earlier this year, the mayor held a benefit for the Horrells' oldest daughter, Carol. She had been paralyzed from the neck down. The family needed a van with a hydraulic lift to transport Carol to therapy sessions.

Thru the generous support of fellow residents in Evergreen Park as well as numerous friends from surrounding areas, the mayor was able to purchase (at cost) the van selected by the Horrells at Bob O'Connor Ford. On September 12 at his annual Golf Outing, Mayor Vacco gave a check for \$1,796.18 to the Horrells which was donated above the cost of the van.

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Helping kick off Evergreen Park's big May Clean-Up Campaign were Robert Kennedy, Vice President of the Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce; Clean-up Chairman Rick DeBoer; Mayor Anthony Vacco; Denise Green, Chamber Treasurer; and Carole Wilson, President-Elect, along with a truckload of Evergreen Park Girl Scouts, who enthusiastically gave their time.

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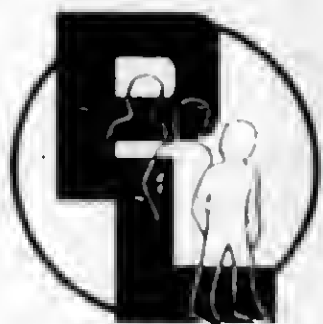
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# March of Dimes to honor Vacco

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The March of Dimes will honor Evergreen Park Mayor Anthony Vacco for his dedication to the fight against birth defects at a special benefit dinner/dance sponsored by the Order of the Sons of Italy in America. The dinner/dance will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 6:30 pm - midnight, in the Grand Ballroom of the Martinique, 2500 W 95th Street, Evergreen Park.

Tickets are \$20 per person; reservations should be placed with the Martinique by calling 422-8000.

Mayor Vacco, 1979-80 Illinois State Chairman for the March of Dimes and State Vice President for the Order of the Sons of Italy in America, is married with three children and two grandchildren.



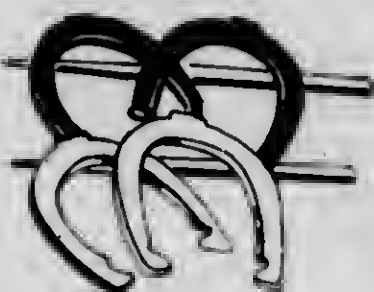
Oak Lawn resident 9 year old Paula Gorman, 1980 March of Dimes representative and a student at A.E.R.O. School in Burbank, gives Evergreen Park Mayor Anthony Vacco a big hug of appreciation for outstanding leadership as Illinois State Chairman for the March of Dimes.



The 20th Annual Evergreen Park Mayor's Golf Day honoring Mayor Anthony Vacco will take place on Wednesday, September 10. Golf will be at the Gleneagles Country Club, with tee-off time at 7 am to 2 pm. The golf portion is \$12.00.

Dinner will be served at the beautiful Martinique with cocktails at 7 pm - dinner at 8 pm. The dinner portion is \$13 or \$25 total for a full day of entertainment. There is also free door prizes for those with the lucky numbers.

The golf day is sponsored by the United Homeowners of Evergreen Park.



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## Mayor Vacco has a surprise

by: Jude Coyle

Evergreen Park is facing the end of an era. With the 11/20 passage of Resolution 2-2001, which authorizes the payment of vendor bills from both the General Corporate Fund and the Sewer and Water Fund, Mayor Anthony Vacco proudly announced that for the 32nd consecutive year, the Village of Evergreen Park has finished in the black. In all that time, the Village has never taken a tax warrant to pay vendor bills, payrolls, etc. The audience showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

Call that foreshadowing, or call it a hint of what was to come. The 11/20 meeting continued, with Trustees voting to issue business licenses, with the passage of three ordinances establishing the 95th Street TIF District, and with reports from department heads. There the meeting should have ended. Mayor Vacco announced that he had a piece of miscellaneous business to conduct, and would do so with or without the Board's permission. Then he said it. After 54 years of public service, he will not seek reelection in April. He has spent 32-1/2 years as mayor, 3-1/2 years as trustee, 4 years on the Zoning Board and as Chairman, 12 years as Worth Township School Trustee and Chairman, and 2 years as a Cook County Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Joe Wood. Under his leadership, there has never been an accusation of bribe taking, nor has anyone in his administration been indicted. At the end of his announcement, the audience stood and clapped.

Later, Mayor Vacco said that his feet were troubling him enough to hamper his performance. "If I can't be here every day, and be accessible and accountable to the people, then it's time to quit."

Applications for the positions of mayor, clerk and for three trustees are available in the Clerk's office through 11/29. The United Homeowners Party will conduct a slate making meeting to decide on candidates. Mayor Vacco will fully support them.

Highlights from the 11/20 meeting, included the following:

\*Mary Constant of Mo-

ther McAuley, Tiffany Powell and Mary Laloke of Evergreen Park High School were recognised by the Sheriff's Office the evening of 11/20 at the Thompson Center, for giving over 100 hours of community service to their community.

\*The Truth in Taxation Hearing will be conducted on 12/4. This is required by law before the annual tax levy is passed.

\*The Board approved business regulation certificates for Quality Record Copy Services, Inc., 9318

Kedzie, Suite 1; Southwest Medical Clinic, 3900 95th St., Suite 8A; Man Alive; Evergreen Plaza; Brestler Ice Cream, Evergreen Plaza; Universal Financial Group, Inc., 3843 95th St.; Rainbow Kids, Evergreen Plaza; and Viola's Day Spa Wellness, 3830 W. 9th St.

\*The Board approved a bid from Land and Lake for disposal services for the year 2001.

\*Village Engineer Robert Boehm answered questions from Mr. Howard Selke. Currently the

Village is having a sanitary sewer installed on the north side of 91st St. It will run under the B&O tracks. This will alleviate the overflow of sanitary water that flows from the Evergreen Country Club each spring. On the south side of 91st, the Village is having the casing for a water main installed. They will accept bids for paving 91st St. in March, and will begin work in May.

\*On the subject of the luminair project, he said that the contractor is looking for a short that is causing the lights to burn 24 hours a day. That should be corrected soon. The excess electric bill will not be charged to the Village.



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# Mayor Vacco talks about Evergreen Park

by Jude Coyle

Mayor Anthony Vacco of Evergreen Park announced at the September 13, Evergreen Park Regular Board Meeting that owners of Evergreen Plaza had agreed to sprinkle the interior of the Plaza, tear down part of the deteriorating parking deck, both theatres, and the Firestone Store. Retailers are being sought to replace them. The Martinique has announced plans to build a wedding chapel. Couples would be married in the chapel and enter the building through the gazebo. The owners have also decided to add more offices onto their complex. The village has purchased 33 acres from Evergreen Cemetery. A new fire station opened there in April. Two girls' softball/soccer fields, a walking and jogging path, an ice rink and concession stands are planned, along with the revitalization of the pond. These are the first steps taken to not only revitalize 95th Street, but also, part of larger, more comprehensive plans to beautify and improve the business and residential climate in Evergreen Park.

In another step, the Village Board has updated zoning and residential codes. Mayor Vacco is adamant about how well property owners maintain their property. He feels that by going after those who don't keep their property up, the village is inviting those who do care about their homes and community to stick around.

Vacco is the son of immigrant parents. His father left Italy during World War I, arriving here in time to be drafted into the American Army. His mother and two elder brothers came over in 1923. Vacco, himself, served in the Army Medical Corp. in 1943, '44, and '45. He was a medic in Hawaii, Saipan and Iwo Jima. He married in 1946, is the father of three and grandfather of six. Mrs. Vacco has since passed away.

Vacco was appointed Mayor in November 1968 to fill out an existing term. In April of '69, he ran for a full term on the platform that he would serve as a full time mayor. He, of course, won, and immediately resigned his position as Home Delivery District Manager with

the Sun Times. He chuckles now. His employer told him that the job of Mayor was a four year job, and he was throwing away sixteen years towards his pension.

He says he ran for mayor because he wants to help people. That he's 'very happy and honored,' to have served the people of Evergreen Park, and that when he asks for something, 'the people respond.' When someone writes or calls him, he responds as quickly as possible. He says the people of Evergreen Park pay a great deal in taxes and deserves as much.

He is the past president of the Illinois Municipal League and current Board Member, and President of the Southwest Council of Mayors. He is a Board Member of the American Cancer Society, Christmas Seal Program, Park Lawn School for the Mentally Retarded, member of the American Legion, Athletic Association of Evergreen Park, the Elks, the Jaycees, Kiwanis Club, the Sons of Italy, and many, many organizations, most of which he has or does serve as an of-

ficer or in an honorary position. He has received numerous awards and recognitions. The walls of his office is lined with plaques and framed certificates, and as he said, there were many more in boxes because he's run out of room on his wall. Stunned by all of this I asked him where he had the time to do so much. He answered, 'When you want something done, give it to a busy person, and he'll figure out how to get it done.'

I believe him. In his thirty one years as mayor, he has seen to many improvements. Every street in the village has curbs, sewers and lights, and several of the alleys have been lit. Each year several streets are repaired or replaced. The village has purchased several buildings. One at 3300 W. 93rd Street serves as storage for the Fire, Police, Sewer and Water Departments, and Public Works. The Activity Center at 98th and Kedzie has full court basketball and indoor soccer. What was formerly Southwest Christian School is now the offices for the Youth Department, Citizen Services, and the Recreation

Department. Citizen Services addresses senior and handicap needs. All three departments and a pantry for the needy have come into existence during Mayor Vacco's administration.

What he says he's most proud of is the twenty year battle that resulted in Evergreen Park receiving its own zip code. Prior to that, Mayor Vacco said that Evergreen Park had a Chicago zip code.

Mayor Vacco regrets that Evergreen Park, which was incorporated in 1893, does not have a historical museum. He has some documents he'd like to find a home for. More importantly he feels that the children of Evergreen Park should know about their families and their community.

Village View Newspaper 1999

## Senior Council presents check

Mayor Anthony Vacco and Ann Dykstra, Director of the Office of Citizens' Services, were presented with a \$15,000 check from Senior Council President, Emily Nowicki, on behalf of the Seniors of Evergreen Park, to help defray the cost of the new minibus. Also present in the photograph is Village Clerk, James Sexton.

The cost of the new minibus was \$50,000. A grant of \$28,000 was received from the General Assembly

The new minibus is equipped to handle two wheelchairs. Service includes Evergreen Park banks, barber and beauty shops, library, OCS activities at the Community Center, plaza, post office, village hall and Friday morning shopping at Menu Mart.

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# Vacco, Yourell, Dorgan in the 8th District

Mayor Anthony Vacco of Evergreen Park was chosen to oppose incumbent Frank Ozinga (R) for the Senatorial seat in the 8th District. Sandy Dorgan of Palos Hills will be incumbent State Rep Harry "Bus" Yourell's running mate for one of the two State Representative seats.

Rep Yourell (D), Chairman of the Slatemaking Committee who made the announcement said, that the slating of Vacco and Dorgan were unanimous and accomplished without using the weighted vote principal. Each committeeman regardless of the number of precincts or votes charged to that committeeman in the 8th District voted 1 vote for the candidates of their choice.

Mayor Vacco had this to say:

"I want to take this opportunity to thank the committee and especially "Bus" Yourell, Chairman, for their unanimous vote for my candidacy. This is nice to know.

"I'm calling on all my friends, Republicans, Democrats, Independents and those never before involved to call my office and join with us, we will need financial support as well as enthusiastic volunteers.

"I want to assure everyone I have a 100% commitment to this campaign and at all times will have the interest of the people in the 8th District uppermost in my mind."

Other members of the 8th District Legislative Committee who participated in reviewing the candidates were the Honorable Committeemen; Jerome Cosentino, of Palos Township; Larry Petta, of Calumet; Joan Heeg of Lemont; James Jesk of



Mayor Anthony Vacco Bremen and Thomas Charnogorsky of Orland.

Unique to the slatemaking sessions and at Chairman Yourell's suggestion, was that members of the press, with the inclusion of VILLAGE VIEW, were free to ask the candidates any questions pertaining to their presentation, making this an open slatemaking in all respects.

State Rep Yourell was asked, if Vacco was the selection, would he mind running on a slate with the prominent Republican Mayor. Yourell replied that his only interest at this time was winning the Senate seat and the selection of the strongest candidate to accomplish it at this time. He added that he thought this was the time that the two State Representative seats could also be won for the Democrats.

There are three representative seats, two held at this time by Republicans Jane Barnes and Herb Huskey. Rep Yourell, a Democrat, holds the third.

Rep Yourell and other members of the committee were impressed with the number and caliber of the candidates appearing for slating and stated, "This bodes well for the future of the Democratic Party." It was unanimously agreed that making a final selection



Harry "Bus" Yourell

from all of the candidates who presented their credentials was not an easy task. The other candidates who appeared for slating for the State Senate seat were: Robert Bily, Bridgeview; Tom Carmody, Jr., Evergreen Park and Burt Odelson, Oak Lawn.

Attorney Dave Beran, also from Oak Lawn, appeared on Monday, October 31, but withdrew his candidacy prior to the slatemaking session. Alyce Gorsky, of Evergreen Park also appeared but declined to run at this time.

Alderman John Jordan of Palos Hills appeared as a candidate for the House seat. The choice of Dorgan over Jordan was a difficult one because both candidates evidenced good name recognition to the district as well as being quite active in political and community activities.

Sandy Dorgan, who was reached by VILLAGE VIEW, stated that she was the nominee of the Party and would support the entire Democratic ticket from top to bottom.

State Rep Yourell commended the press for both their attendance at the two sessions and the manner questions were asked of the candidates.

Rep Yourell, the incumbent State Representative of the 8th District was selected unanimously, as was expected, to represent the 8th District for his 7th consecutive term.



Sandy Dorgan

happy and proud to be chosen as a candidate and to have the opportunity to run with State Rep Harry "Bus" Yourell. Ms Dorgan, who is entering the political arena for the first time, said that she will work very hard and hopefully be an asset to the Democratic ticket.

Each of the candidates appearing were asked, if they were not selected as

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## Girl Scout cookie sale starts

With the slogan "We're All Stars" in mind, South Cook County Girl Scouts will take orders for their annual cookie sale from January 19 through February 4, 2001. Cookies will be delivered in March.

The cookie sale is an important event, not only as a fundraiser that supports local troops and the council's services, but as a hands on experience for the girls. The sale involves girls in planning and goal setting related to each troop's own activities, teamwork, taking responsibility for meeting deadlines, and other real life skills.

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In addition to taking advance orders for later delivery, Girl Scouts will be at some commercial locations such as supermarkets for other scouts the weekends of March 13-25 and March 30-April 1.

Individuals who wish to order cookies but who may not be asked to do so by local Girl Scouts, may call the Council Service Center in Homewood at (708) 957-8100.

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\*Girl Scouts in the South Cook County Council will earn 30 cents to 50 cents for each box they sell, and those proceeds are used for the girls' own choice of activities.

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## Office of Citizens' Services events

One day trips planned by Office of Citizen's Services, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park.

Potawatomi Bingo Casino Trip - Thursday, February 1, 2001, Departure is at 8:00 am from the Community Center and will return at approximately 6:00 or 6:30 pm. The fee is \$20, which includes round trip motor coach transportation, gaming and bingo action, \$15 match play coupon (redeemable in chips or coins) and a \$5 food certificate to be used in restaurant.

Musical "Forever Plaid" - Saturday, February 3, 2001, at the Rialto Theatre. Departure time is at 6:00 pm from the Community Center and will return at approximately midnight. The fee is \$49 for main floor and center seats.

Tickets are available now at Office of Citizens' Services.

## Burbank Chamber's Installation Ceremony

The Annual Installation Ceremony for the Burbank Chamber of Commerce will be held on Friday, January 26, at Annie Tiques Banquets. The incoming Executive Board and Board of Directors will be sworn in by Mayor Harry Klein for the

Year 2001. Come celebrate with us on this very special occasion. Reservations are a must. Please call Judy Balestri for more information at the Burbank Chamber office, (708) 425-4668. Hope to see you there! Reservation deadline is Friday, January 19.



## Military News

Marine Corps. Private Michael J. Blaha, son of Anna Sherony of Wadsworth, IL and Michael D. Blaha of Oak Lawn, recently completed the Motor Vehicle Operator Course at Marine Corps Detachment, Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

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### Commission to host Scout Night

The Oak Lawn Historic Preservation Commission will once again host a "Scout Night" for scouting groups that must earn a Local History badge.

"Many boy and girl scout troops require knowledge of local history to earn a scout badge," stated Historic Preservation Chairperson Pam Sarpalius. "The Historic Preservation Commission hosts a local history event in conjunction with its monthly meeting each February to help the scouts get that information." Chairperson Sarpalius added.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2001 in the Oak Lawn Public Library basement meeting room at 7:00 pm. The Oak Lawn Public Library will give a short presentation. Pictures and brochures featuring Oak Lawn history will be available to participants.

If your scouting group is interested in participating in this event, please call the Oak Lawn Community Development Office at 499-7838 to RSVP. Seats are limited to Oak Lawn residents.

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"... the hospital still uses the labor-induction procedure... Sue Reimbold, a hospital spokeswoman, said." (*Chicago Tribune*, 10-2-00)

Should a baby be aborted alive, only comfort care is provided and not medical care. "Comfort care" means keeping the baby warm in a blanket until he or she dies. Staff is not required to hold the dying baby but only to check for signs of life once an hour "or as needed." (*Advocate Policy #WHS492*)

A pregnant minor may terminate her pregnancy without her parents' knowledge or consent. (*Advocate Policy on Pregnancy Termination*, pg. 7, 10-14-99)

## WRITE OR CALL

To say that you do not want abortion in your community:

Carol L. Schneider, CEO  
Christ Hospital  
4440 W. 95th Street  
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## ADVOCATE POLICY:

Second-trimester abortions (up to 23 weeks) are performed for life "or health" of the mother or the unborn child; rape or incest (even if baby and mother are healthy); lethal fetal anomalies; and multiple gestation (2+ babies). (*Advocate Policy on Pregnancy Termination*, pgs. 2-3, 10-14-99; *Advocate Pregnancy Termination Fact Sheet*, 6-00)

(The Supreme Court defined "health of the mother" as any condition that might impact the physical, emotional, financial, and psychological well-being, including familial and age concerns. This definition of "health" basically results in abortion on demand.)

Although counseling and review of abortion requests are required by each hospital's Ethics Committee, cases falling outside Advocate's abortion policy "will" be referred to other abortion facilities. (*Advocate Policy on Pregnancy Termination*, pg. 4, 10-14-99; *Advocate Pregnancy Termination Fact Sheet*, 6-00)

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Refuse, if possible, to give your business to Christ Hospital or Lutheran General Hospital or to ANY doctor or hospital that commits abortions.
- Join in the prayer vigils and protests at these hospitals.
- Spread the word to your church and community. (Call the organizations listed below for more flyers and information.)
- Pray for the unborn babies and their mothers.
- Pray for a change of heart in the abortionists and hospital officials.

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"I happened to walk into a 'soiled utility room' and saw, lying on the metal counter, a fetus, naked, exposed and breathing, moving its arms and legs. The fetus was visibly alive and was gasping for breath... Later I found out that the fetus was 22 weeks old and had undergone a therapeutic abortion..." Allison Baker, RN, testifying under oath at the same hearing in Washington D.C. on 7-20-00.

**"Abortion is a crime that kills not only the child but the consciences of all involved."**

Mother Teresa

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- Can you trust the care of your baby to a doctor or hospital that aborts other babies?
- Should a baby be killed because his or her father is a criminal, as in cases of rape or incest?
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## All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge



Speaking from his "bully-pulpit" in the Heritage Manor hall during the Clearing Civic League's 40th anniversary and belated Christmas party January 9, Alderman Michael Zalewski (23) announced numerous community improvements for this area. Job growth, recreational additions and street improvements all encompassed Zalewski's plans for this area in 2001. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)

### Zalewski addresses Clearing

By Rick Techman

A new park in Clearing, 63rd Street improvements and beautification, jobs and new fire equipment for the 23rd Ward encompassed the presentation Alderman Michael Zalewski (23) gave at his speaking engagement with the Clearing Civic League on the occasion of their 40th anniversary celebration and belated Christmas Party, Tuesday, January 9 at Heritage Manor, 5540 S. Narragansett.

Zalewski congratulated the officers and members of the civic league for their hard work and dedication for allowing the club to continue with such a politically assertive role in community affairs. Richard Zilka, president of the Clearing Civic League, also took time from the celebration to congratulate three past presidents and encourage ongoing participation in community affairs. Jean Franczyk, Garfield-Ridge Civic League president, and some of her fellow officers and members, also attended the feast.

"When an economy is good," Zalewski said, "neighborhood

improvements should take place. We can," he continued, "and must do better. We continue to be one of the most beautiful places in the city to live and raise a family. Safety, quality of life and local improvements," he also said, "must remain the number one priority on my agenda."

Zalewski said the City of Chicago has spent more than \$6 billion in community improvements since 1995 and Clearing and the 23rd Ward as a whole have seen their share in expanded street resurfacing, home construction, industrial additions and job growth. Zaleski added job growth will increase in the next several months with the planned additional jobs to be created when ATA airlines transfers part of its Indianapolis industrial hub to the southwest side.

Zalewski explained some of the improvements seen to date include a \$6 million library at 63rd and Narragansett, a senior suite development on Harlem in place of an old community eyesore, a new field house and two new water parks. He also said with the support of Park District Commissioner Anita

Cummings, also a Clearing resident, a new park for the Clearing community has been planned.

Through the benefit of TIF districts in the 23rd Ward, Zalewski said businesses in the area have remained local and many have grown. He said additional fire equipment will be added to local firehouses to increase protection for the 23rd. The Clearing Night Force, in cooperation with CAPS and the Eighth District police, has done a fine job in patrolling the community he added.

Finally Zalewski reminded everyone that the redistricting of federal, state and county legislative boundaries would take place this year. He said he would do all that he can to keep Clearing and the current 23rd Ward intact and allow both to continue under their present representation.

### Midway Noise Compatibility Commission

The next meeting of the Commission will take place

### Illinois PGA to support Chicago Golf Show

The Illinois Section of the PGA has officially lent its support to the Chicago Golf Show, set for February 2-4, 2001, at the Donald E. Stephens (formerly Rosemont) Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois.

As part of the three year arrangement, the IPGA has agreed to provide its certified teaching pros to give golf clinics, lectures and demonstrations at the Midwest's oldest and largest consumer golf show. The pros will lecture and demonstrate proper hitting techniques at the show's popular One on One Teaching Stage; at the New Club Swing Area, where consumers can test out the latest golf equipment; and during hourly teaching sessions that are a part of the show's entertaining Golf Academy.

"The Chicago Golf Show is extremely pleased to have the support of the Illinois PGA," said Tom Corcoran, managing partner of Corcoran Expositions, Inc. "We believe that the prestige of the Illinois PGA as an organization and the expert teaching pros it will provide help make the Chicago Golf Show bigger and better than ever."

IPGA executive director Mike Miller said the Illinois pros are looking forward to working at the Chicago Golf Show.

"It's clear to the IPGA that the Chicago Golf Show is the No. 1 consumer golf show in the Chicago area," Miller said. "The professional management and layout of the show by Corcoran Expositions, Inc. combined with the excellent marketing of the show were key factors in the IPGA agreeing to support the show. We look forward to a long and successful relationship."

In addition to aligning with the IMG National Golf Show Series. The series is part of International Management Group, the sports marketing agency that represents such preeminent stars as Arnold Palmer and Tiger Woods.

"IMG is the most influential sports marketing group in the world," Corcoran said. "We believe its affiliation with the Chicago Golf Show will help us develop new show features for our attendees and greater participation of golf equipment manufacturers."

The 18th Annual Chicago Golf Show is open to the public from 2 to 8 pm on Friday, Feb. 2, from 9 am to 6 pm on Saturday, Feb. 3, and from 9 am to 5 pm on Sunday, Feb. 4. Admission is \$8. Children younger than 14 are free. Seniors ages 60 and older are \$6 on Friday.

For more information about the Chicago Golf Show, call (312) 541-0567 or visit the show's website at [www.chicagogolfshow.com](http://www.chicagogolfshow.com)

on Thursday, January 25, 2001. The meeting will be held at the Midway Airport Maintenance Complex, 5150 W. 63rd Street, 2nd floor.



Summit Police Sergeant Brian Hervieux

### VFW Post 6863 holds blood drive

By Rick Techman

About 50 people, including suburban police officers and city workers, donated blood at the Des Plaines VFW Post 6863 blood drive held in cooperation with eight medical workers from LifeSource last Saturday morning at the post's hall located at 7256 West 63rd Street in Summit.

About a dozen veterans, and the women of the post's auxiliary, worked together to provide first rate comfort and service to everyone who visited the hall to give blood. Enough individual easy chairs were set up to allow at least three people to give blood at a time. A healthy breakfast of eggs, sausage, potatoes, orange juice and coffee was offered to all participants in the blood drive.

Post Commander Melvin Skaley said, "It's so cold and people don't give blood around the holidays. This doesn't just go to one hospital," he added, "this goes to all the hospitals that need it. This is a community effort. It," he explained, "really is."

Skaley said the members of his post, and the auxiliary members as well, like to conduct blood drives and encourage residents to participate. Since manufactured blood plasma is not a replacement for whole blood in the medical community, he said blood donors are always needed.

A flyer produced by LifeSource, distributed to all potential donors at the door, listed more than a dozen reasons why a prospective participant might not be eligible to donate. On the reverse side of the flyer, it explained the procedure for giving blood. According to LifeSource all blood donated will include a test portion to screen for infection before the blood is used.

LifeSource explained a new, sterile needle would be inserted into the vein of each participant to draw a pint of blood. According to LifeSource for approximately ten minutes the blood draw would continue as the participant reclined in an easy chair. Once the pint of blood had been drawn, the donor's body would begin to replace the liquid part of the blood -the blood plasma- in a few hours and the cells in a few weeks.

LifeSource explained that all eligible donors are encouraged to give blood every 56 days. LifeSource, with a corporate headquarters in Glenview, said, "Because the blood donated to LifeSource is processed and used immediately, our reserves are in constant need of replenishment. The need for blood is always critical," they continued, "and patients depend on the blood we supply all year."

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## 1980's Picture of South Suburban Mayors

The above are mayors of various South Suburbs. Pictured are, left to right, Burt Odelson, attorney; Mayor Zabrocki, Tinley Park; Mayor Anthony Vacco, Evergreen Park; Mayor Kay, Hickory Hills; Mayor Oremus, Bridgeview; and Mayor Kumingo, Worth. This picture refers to the insert on Mayor Vacco's retirement.

## Worth mayor announces premature victory

By F.J. Soczek

Hoping to downplay recent publicity involving serious charges of racial and gender discrimination against the Village, Worth Mayor James Bilder publicly read selected excerpts from a January 4th Federal District Court ruling.

During the January 11th Committee Meeting, Bilder cited part of a decision by Judge Charles Norgle which denied a request by Village of Worth police officer Hitomi Burtley to be reinstated following an illness.

Burtley, a female of African-American and Japanese-American ancestry, filed suit in April, 2000 pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for discriminatory actions related to her employment.

In her suit, Burtley alleges disparate treatment by her

fellow officers in the form of harassment, racially and sexually derogatory comments, refusal of support and assistance, physical abuse, threats of adverse consequences and retaliation as a result of her reporting such discriminatory and unlawful acts to her supervisors.

According to Court documents, Burtley suffered an emotional collapse in June, 1998 that caused her to be hospitalized for three days.

In these documents, Burtley alleges that her collapse resulted from discriminatory treatment by her fellow officers.

In the fall of 1998, Burtley attempted to return to her duties as a police officer. The Village required a psychological exam prior to reinstatement. According to Norgle, "several psychologists evaluated Burtley, and submitted different conclusions as to her fitness for duty."

Norgle adds, "the defendants (Village of Worth) took the position Burtley was not fit for duty, and instigated dismissal proceedings against her in March, 1999."

Burtley challenged the dismissal, and in April, 2000 a "settlement agreement" was reached which would allow Burtley's reinstatement after a physician approved, and submitted "specific" reasons for her return.

Burtley's attorneys filed suit for reinstatement, citing her physician's opinion on her suitability for work.

Norgle refused to allow the latter evidence, stating it "was not attached to the reply brief, and not in the court file."

Mayor Bilder appeared to interpret this "Breach of Contract" decision as indicative of Judge Norgle's possible future decisions in Burtley's Title VII Discrimination suit.

## Palos Hills Meeting

by Carlene O'Conner

At the Palos Hills City Council meeting of January 4, alderman and the mayor discussed renting of the city's new community activity center, 8455 W. 103rd Street for parties and of the golf course clubhouse. A security deposit will be necessary in the future to cover any damages done to the property. An amount was not established and will be brought up at the next committee meeting on January 11.

Alderman Galatte asked if all groups would be charged the security deposit and Mayor Bennett said even not for profit groups would be, and the only parties would be exempt from the deposit would be those related to the city such as the chamber of commerce.

Bennett filled the vacancy on the Plan Commission by appointing Eve Gracie Delaney who was presented at the meeting.

Alderman Williams (5th Ward) in his report announced that residents can pick up booklets at city hall about the circuit breaker program. These are available by contacting the Community Resource Department at 598-3400 ext. 114.

Williams also asked the

council to consider waiving the 4% tax on gas during the winter months. He said many people this winter cannot pay their heating bills and the savings on the utility tax would help people on fixed incomes.

Alderman Tomas said people should consider getting on a budget with the gas company whether than facing the hardship in the winter. He said that's what he does and that it was not a burden for him to pay more in the summer months in order to keep up with his bills in the winter. He also said that the gas company was not gauging people.

Alderman Scurek announced in the Finance Report that the warrant for December was \$120,932.22.

There was controversy between Mayor Bennett and Alderman Galatte on the issue of snow. Alderman Rleefisch said in his Public Safety report that a resident asked him about the city's responsibility to clear sidewalks for school children to walk to school. Mayor Bennett responded that the city did not have the man power or equipment to do so. Alderman Galatte said that the city spends money on Christmas Decorations for

Roberts Road but cannot clear pathways during heavy snow for seniors and children. He requested the mayor to do a study to see exactly what it would cost.

Bennett also said it was a liability for the city to clear sidewalks and if he cleared sidewalks around schools, he would have to have the whole city's sidewalks done. He stated that it was the parent's and school's responsibility to provide safe transportation to school during heavy snow. Galatte responded by saying that already two people have been killed on 111th Street and he did not like to see pedestrians in the street walking for safety purposes.

In the Public Works reports Alderman Tomas said the city received \$3,468.00 in proceeds from recycling.

The next city council meeting will be January 18th at 8:00 pm.

employed by the Village was involved in a domestic dispute at his home, where he held his family hostage, discharged a weapon and refused to let police officers enter his home. "The Village nevertheless permitted him to return to work after he received counseling for only four days..."

Mayor Bilder emphasized the words of Judge Norgle: "The public has an obvious and important interest in having police officers that are psychologically fit for duty."

Indeed.

"The same Judge will hear the case," Bilder boasted. Perhaps.

What Bilder failed to mention were two simple words in the complaint that may make all of the difference in the world to the Village of Worth and

Hitomi Burtley. *Jury Demanded.*

Witnesses will be called. Oaths will be sworn. Disturbing evidence will be presented.

Evidence such as, "upon information and belief a white male police officer

*This issue see our Village View insert on Mayor Vacco's retirement with past pictures and good will wishes.*



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## Oak Lawn Board of Trustee candidates for the third municipal election

By: F J Socek

Oak Lawn Village Clerk Jayne Powers announced the candidates for the April 3rd Municipal election at the Tuesday night Board of Trustees meeting.

Travis Tuomey will face long time incumbent Ernie Kolb in the Mayoral race.

Tuomey, owner of Millies Ice Cream Parlor, is facing an October eviction from his current location at 5108 W 95th St following the Village's purchase of his property for a parking lot.

Tuomey has been a vocal critic of the current administration after failing to obtain over \$200,000 in "moving expenses" he requested following the Village's acquisition of his property. Numerous other businesses accepted the voluntary financial "relocation" assistance offered by the Village.

Another long time incumbent Ron Stancik is facing opposition from Mary Lou Harker in the 2nd District Trustee race.

Harker is the widow of former Oak Lawn Fire Chief Elmore Harker.

Opposing incumbent William Keane in the District 6 race is Sherla Fahey Wallenius.

George A Pappas will oppose A Jayne Powers in the Village Clerk election.

Trustee Steven Rosenbaum will be in the enviable position of having "select one candidate" after his name on the ballot.

Rosenbaum is running unopposed in the 4th District.

Powers also announced the candidates for Library Board Trustee: Lee Stem, Frank March and Patricia Roberts.

Trustee Robert Strait announced he received a

letter from one of his constituents complimenting the "neat and tidy" appearance of Bell Plaza on 95th Street.

Strait also urged the Village to look into giving priority to snow removal from sidewalks adjacent schools. His sentiments were echoed by audience member and Trustee candidate Mary Lou Harker, who urged more comprehensive attention to walkways obstructed by snow and ice.

Trustee Marjorie Joy suggested a letter of complaint be drafted by the Village to protest the rising utility rates of NICOR.

Trustee Steven Rosenbaum announced the recent crackdown on extended tractor-trailer and commercial vehicle parking in the Green Oaks shopping center has been successful.

Rosenbaum noted all of the violators had out of town vehicle registrations.

Trustee William Keane voiced his opposition to a proposed landscaped barrier which would block through traffic on McVicker Avenue adjacent McDonald's Restaurant on 95th Street.

The current McDonald's building is scheduled to be demolished and rebuilt in a configuration more conducive to drive-thru traffic.

During a public hearing in November, neighbors expressed their concerns over what they felt would be increased traffic on McVicker Ave.

A temporary barrier was installed on a trial basis.

Keane noted that while traffic on McVicker was indeed curtailed, the dilemma was merely shifted to the adjacent streets.

The Board approved the measure over Keane's

objections.

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved a request by the Oak Lawn Park District to contribute \$8000 to help defray the cost of the annual 4th of July fireworks display.

Fire Chief Thomas Moran received approval to hire five new employees due to scheduled retirements planned in March and April.

Moran received approval to waive the competitive bidding procedure and purchase a \$40,000 air compressor system from Air One Equipment of Schaumburg.

Moran stated in a memo the current air compressor system is fourteen years old and no longer able to keep up with the demand of filling air bottles during day to day activities and training sessions.

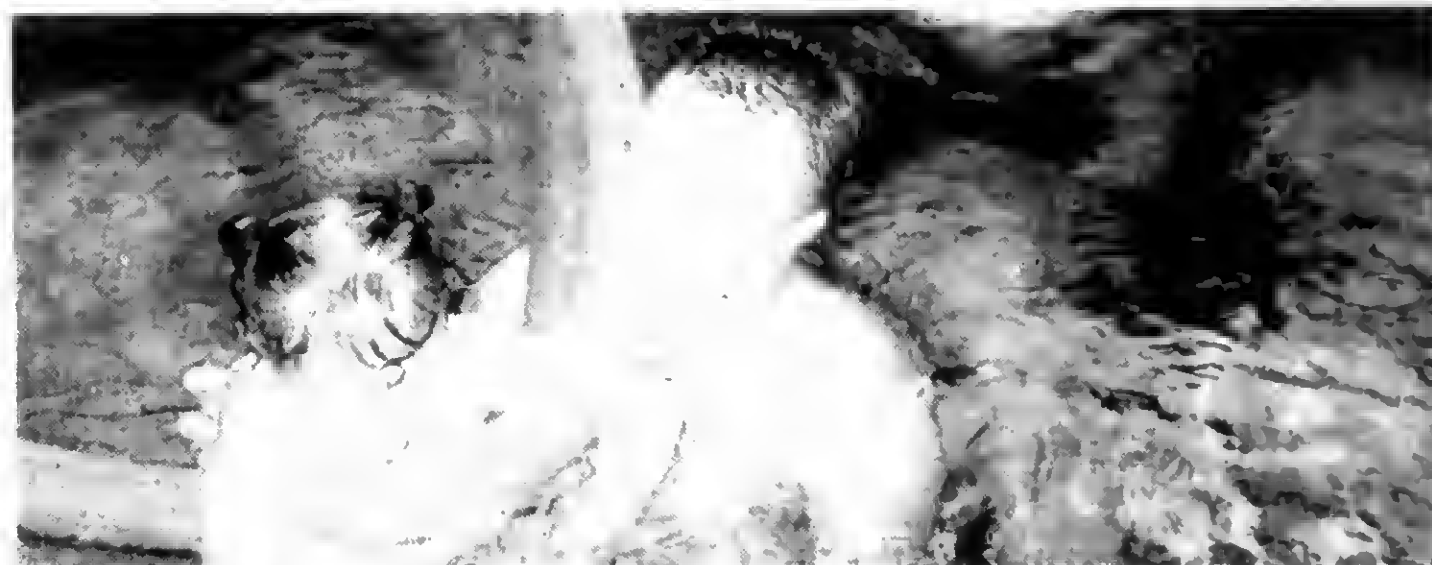
Moran further noted the Foreign Fire Tax board offered \$10,000 toward the purchase of the upgraded system.

A liquor license request from the new owner of the Oak Lawn Liquors and Lounge, 4913 W 95th St was unanimously approved by the Board.

The petitioner announced he plans to remodel the existing tavern into a "Sports Bar."

## Voter registration closes

Oak Lawn Village Clerk Jayne Powers reminds all residents that Tuesday, March 6, 2001 is the last day to register to vote in the April 3, 2001 election. If you have moved or changed your name, you must re-register and, if you will be 18 years of age on or before April 3rd, you may register to vote in the upcoming election.



David Graitman and daughter, Melissa (swimmers)



Linda Stearns, President PTSA

## The OLCHS PTSA welcomes the community

by Jude Coyle

The Parent, Teacher, Student Association of Oak Lawn High School offered a full evening for families, students, and faculty on Friday, Feb. 2, at Family Fun Night. According to PTSA President, Linda Stearns, "This is an activity everyone looks forward to. It's a night to get out and have fun together at no cost." Besides current students, incoming eighth graders and their families were also invited. According to Stearns, OLCHS takes in the communities of Oak Lawn, Bridgeview and Hometown.

The festivities began as soon as one entered

the building. OLCHS Jazz Band under the direction of Brian Shelton, greeted all comers. Families had a chance to listen to the band, talk and share a moment over pizza, pop and snacks. After that, they played volleyball, basketball, badminton, chess, or aerobics, or went swimming.

D.J. and 1999 graduate, Mike Haak set up his equipment in the cafeteria. Mike was thrilled to be included. He had been working as a D.J. for the past six years, and has worked at several cast parties for the OLCHS Drama Club.

## OakLawn antique and collectible show

The Hilton Oak Lawn will host a Antique and Collectible Show on Sunday, February 11, 2001 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission charge \$1.00.

The cost was absorbed by the Oak Lawn business community and the City of Hometown. Bell West Credit Union, Sodexo Marriott, Dominick's, Grassano's Pizza, Beggars Pizza, Joe's Italian Village, Gino East, Palermo's Pizza, Pizza Plus, Papa John's Pizza and Vito & Nick's Pizza donated money or goods.

The PTSA is offering \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors. Students should see their counsellors for applications. The PTSA is also sponsoring a Craft Fair on Saturday, April 7, 10 am to 4 pm. Anyone interested in joining the PTSA, can call Linda Stearns at 423-6556. Dues are \$3.

Over 40 dealers will be displaying their treasures and an added feature will be Mr. Robert Gramberg author of the book "On Course to Oblivion." A story about the sinking of the battleship "The Bismark." Mr. Bamberg will also have with him Mr. Bruno Rzonca, the only living survivor, in this country that served on the Bismark.



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country could maintain these stratospheric heights would be unrealistic.

In December, Diane Swonk, chief economist with Bank One was quoted saying, "A recession is not in the cards. This whole recession is hysteria -- just kind of ridiculous." She went on to say the nation's 4% unemployment level in November, is still near 30 year lows. With this figure in mind, the 4.2% unemployment figure for

January isn't catastrophic.

However the media sensationalizing the economic slow down and portraying the worse case scenarios, along with the administrations talk of recession to get the tax cut to pass in Congress, only creates less consumer confidence which creates a negative chain of reactions -- which could very well create a self fulfilled prophecy -- a full blown recession.

*Don't miss an issue!*

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# Publisher's Pen

by Annette Dixon

After completing a 17 page supplement honoring Mayor Vacco, we started working on a bridal supplement. Unbeknownst to us, Mayor Eugene L. Siegel took that big step and said I Do to Linda L. Wilkins, from Palm Beach, on January 20th, 2001. Ms. Wilkins is resigning as Palm Beach Deputy Director of the Agency on Aging. There was a small wedding party which included family and a few friends to help celebrate the happy event at the Royal Palace in Chicago Ridge.

I celebrated on Saturday, January 20th, with my husband and Daniel and Susan Cholewiak along with twenty of their friends at the House of Hughes as guests of Seagram's.

Daniel Cholewiak of Palos Hills, won \$1,000 and dinner for twenty by entering "Have a drink with Arthur" Sweepstakes!

On Thursday, February 22nd, Joe and Anne Laschober, residents of Evergreen Park, will celebrate 65 years of marriage. They will have an anniversary mass Saturday, February 17th at 4:00 pm at St. Bernadette Church in Evergreen Park.

On Thursday, January 25th, Mayor Vacco of

Evergreen Park entered the hospital for corrective surgery on his hip. Get well messages to all, including Mary Corbitt, mother of Mike, who is coach and teacher at St. Laurence; Mary Butler, who is mending from a fractured hip and broken arm, is 94 and doing well. Keep up the good spirits Mary and let's get together soon. Speaking of good spirits, Ada Moscickis is recuperating from vein transplants at Christ Hospital. More get well messages to fellow club members, Eleanor DeLucia and Virginia Cook, both are sporting casts on their arms.

It must be time to catch up with my past by recently seeing Joel Steinberg of Media Communications, Dean of the Department at St. Xavier University. I also spoke with Jeff Manuel, who I haven't seen since the early 80s when I interviewed him on my television show titled "The Magic Show" on local TV. Jeff Manuel, solo pianist spent years as house pianist at The Drake and Ritz Carlton Hotels. Jeff's CD titled "Music for a Golden Age," has quite a few of his originals along with the old standards titled "Here's that Rainy Day," "Mood Indigo," "Here Comes the Sun," "My Funny Valentine."

"Somewhere over the Rainbow." If you want to hear a great piano soloist email him at JManuel474@aol.com and order his CD "Music for a Golden Age."

Conductor Matthew Lazar, Tenor Alberto Mizrahi and the Chorale Mystique gave such an outstanding performance Sunday, January 21 at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in Chicago. It was the first time I heard two hours of Jewish Chants, called Songs for Jerusalem Chants Mystique.

Looking forward to the dedication ceremony of the Martin and Janet Ozinga Chapel at Trinity Christian College on Sunday, February 11th at 2:00 pm.

## Groundhog Job Shadow Day

On Friday, February 2nd, 2001 was "Groundhog Job Shadow Day." The program is sponsored by the Hotel Motel Association of Illinois. The mentor program gives kids a chance to explore various careers beyond what their parents may do for a living.

This is the third year that the Hotel Motel Association of Illinois has sponsored the program. Job Shadow Day 2001 is a joint effort of America's Promise -- the Alliance for Youth.

Forty Five Sixth grade students and 2 teachers came in from Columbus Manor School in Oak Lawn.



## Mayor Kolb attends Job Shadow Day 2001 Governor's Conference

Oak Lawn Mayor Ernest Kolb attended the Governor's Small Business 2001 Summit in Springfield on January 23rd and 24th. Governor George Ryan and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs hosted the two day conference.

"Oak Lawn is a home to 1,600 plus businesses and they are integral to our economic well being. I feel it is necessary for business owners and government officials to work together to address the challenges facing the business community. This summit was an opportunity to voice our views and make recommendations for improving the business climate in our town and across the state. I believe a strong small business base will strengthen our economy into the 21st Century," stated Mayor Kolb.

"We remain enthusiastic in our efforts to retain our successful small businesses

unfair Cook County taxes. The Mayor also conferred with Federal Officials from the U.S. Small Business Administration during the Business Summit to discuss the conference and it's impact on Oak Lawn's small business community. "I felt the government should be aware of our interest in the challenges facing small business and ask for their support in strengthening this vital local asset," the Mayor explained.



Students Pictured from Columbus Manor School in Oak Lawn, left to right, 1st row: Nicole Diehl, Colin Palhegyi, Jihan Sweiss, 2nd row: Alex Lieski, Host, Ms. Mary C. Greene, Executive Secretary from Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel, Teacher, Ms. Ellen Bell.

Mary took the children on a Hotel tour from top to bottom. They saw Banquet Rooms, Whitney's Bar and Grille, the kitchen, Executive Offices, Sales & Catering Office, Gift Shoppe, sleeping rooms, Suites, hot to make Hilton's famous rolls, the pool and fitness area, Housekeeping and Maintenance Departments. They were given a demonstration on the different ways to fold napkins.

and energetic in recruiting more business concerns to Oak Lawn to offer our residents a unique shopping experience," Mayor Kolb

added.

We, Joseph Faber and I attended the Business Interaction, State Government regarding taxes, head tax and

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Stack deemed perfectly acceptable in open court several days earlier now appear to be fair game for additional scrutiny.

What caused Stack to change his mind? Look for an amended billing statement from Odelson & Sterk at the next hearing.

Judge Stack's apparent "review" of the billing may turn out to be not so "apparent" after all



## Chicago that bustling town sprouts up new architecture

by Annette Dixon

Bobby Hoffman, a very courteous, friendly driver for Chicago Trolley made an exciting point about Chicago, being the most beautiful city with its outstanding skyline. Many cities are beautiful in many ways, but only in Chicago are there annual new structures and historical renovations of commercial buildings.

Just travel along 500 North State Street and see the several new buildings going up! More buildings are going up on Canal and three new buildings are up on Wacker Drive.

The Department of Transportation awarded 4.2 million dollars to Wacker Drive and have signed Full Funding Grant Agreement that over a few years will fund \$315 million for the CTA Douglas Blue Line. The money for Wacker will go toward reconstruction of the east-west segment and the Douglas line will be completely reconstructed from Cermak Ave. to downtown Chicago. In couple years the city will be redoing Wacker Drive underground.

The new Sears Department Store will be opened in the summer. New Millennium Park from Michigan to Columbus is to be completed.

177 West Jackson Street has restoration to its historical building, the new facade gives it a historical look. Take a look at the Oriental on State Street, adjacent to the building is a dormitory for the Art Institute Students.

On the far south loop, if you look across from Soldiers Field, the continual building of 500,000 dollar townhouses are being erected. Even the Planetarium added 60,000 square feet around the north end of the building.

Here's hoping you look forward to seeing Chicago even this winter. There are Architecture tours which include walking tours, or you can tour with Chicago Trolley's friendly drivers. There are 15 convenient service stops so just call (773) 648-5000 for details.

This summer, there will be a Chicago surprise again! "Remember the cows." We are going home. "Suite Home Chicago." Five hundred pieces of Fiber Glass Furniture will be adorning North, South, East and West locations all over the Loop.

Last year the Shed Aquarium offered artist's works in more than 50 locations. Interesting and beautiful and that is Chicago!



## Library staff spotlight

The Oak Lawn Public Library audiobook and genealogy collections are the finest you'll find in the southwest suburbs in large part to the dedication and careful selection of two librarians, Susan Baird, head of patron services, and Kathy O'Leary, reference librarian. Susan Baird (pictured left) recently published "Audiobook Collections and Services," a handbook that will assist other libraries in developing their audiobook holdings. The Oak Lawn Public Library audiobook collection began in 1988, when Baird convinced the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library to assist with funding. Since 1992, Baird has reviewed titles for AudioFile magazine. She is also a member of the Audio Publishers Association Library Outreach Committee. Kathy O'Leary (right) has celebrated her 20 year anniversary as an employee of the Oak Lawn Public Library. Over her tenure, O'Leary has written articles for Illinois Libraries, a professional trade journal, and served as editor of the Chicago Genealogical Society Newsletter for nine years. In 1990, she spent two months as an exchange Librarian in the Dublin Public Library in Ireland.

## The Chicago School of Architecture offered at library


The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, will host a free program exploring "The Chicago School of Architecture" Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 pm. First come, first seated in the lower level meeting room.

Jeff Mishur, art historian, will lead an attractive slide presentation introducing history making architectural design and engineering in Chicago and the goals of major modern architects past and present. The program will fo-

cus on the extraordinary development of commercial architecture after the Chicago Fire in 1871 and track the construction of major buildings and Chicago based styles that evolved from the post war era to the present. The works and architectural goals of famous architects and firms will also be discussed, including Louis Sullivan, Mies van der Rohe, Helmut Jahn and H.H. Richardson.

Mishur is an art professor at Lewis University in Romeoville and the owner of Art Excursions, a Chicago based lecture and tour business.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, (708) 422-4990.



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Juanita Lopez has been teaching the Pilates Method of Mental and Physical Conditioning since 1989 after she began her studies with Master Teacher Romana Kryzavowska and her daughter Sari Pace in New York in 1988. She was appointed by Romana to be a teacher trainer in 1994. Currently she teaches at both the Pilates Studio of the Midwest in Evanston and the Pilates Studio of the Midwest at the Hubbard Street Dance Chicago.

Coming from a professional ballet background, her previous experiences also included teaching at Northwestern University for two decades.

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## Park Lawn's roots Evergreen Park

Park Lawn Association, formerly known as the Suburban Southwest Association for Mentally Retarded Children was founded in 1955 by a small group of parents who were seeking education for their children who were turned away from enrollment in public schools.

In the early fifties, government funded special education for children defined as "educable" however; those with moderate or severe disabilities were considered "in-educable." These parents sensed untapped potential in their children and hoped for appropriate schooling. They decided to prove public decision makers wrong and started their own schools on slender budgets, exchanging teaching time among themselves in any community space available.

Ten families began working with their children in a donated in the First Methodist Church in Evergreen Park. Mayor Vacco and a host of

community volunteers supported their efforts. Space and professional knowledge soon became issues. Parents began raising money and with matching federal funds they erected a building in 1968 in Oak Lawn. Similar support was received from Mayor Kolb and the resident of Oak Lawn. The two communities played a significant role in Park Lawn's growth and progress. In 1960 the group decided to change their name. It was no surprise they combined the names Evergreen PARK and Oak LAWN to form PARK LAWN. After all they were the two towns they considered home.

Today Park Lawn services have grown to include 180 individuals. Park Lawn continues in its mission to provide comprehensive services for people with developmental disabilities and their families. The goal is to promote independence, choice and access to mainstream living.

## Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street.

A short story discussion group meets every second Wednesday at 1:00 pm. They will meet February 14 to discuss "Killing an Elephant" by George Orwell and March 14 for "The O'Connor Girls" by Edna O'Brien. Copies of these short stories can be picked up one month in advance at the Fiction Desk, first floor.

Meetings are held in the library's Conference Room, lower level. For additional information, call Beth Baird, book discussion chair, (708) 422-4933.



## A letter to the Board of Education of Oak Lawn Community High School

Dear Board of Education:  
The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland is concerned about the decision that we are being made by the Oak Lawn Community 229 Board of Education that impact the environment. Our concerns refer to the property owned by the Oak Lawn Community School District 229 at 93rd and Kilbourn. The unique part of this property that is a prairie should be preserved. Little natural prairie exists in any area.

The League believes in orderly growth while taking care to preserve the environment, conserve natural resources and provide open space. We believe there should be citizen input at every stage of land use planning and development. Public hearings are always appropriate.

There is presently a shortage of open land in Oak Lawn. Therefore, every piece of open land should be carefully considered by local governmental bodies for its conservation value before destruction or demolition of that property. Conservation of natural resources must be the established policy and citizens should be made

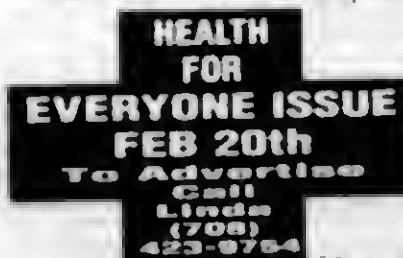
## Dear Editor

We would appreciate if you would place the following in your community information column.

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group would like to invite everyone to their speaker night on Thursday, February 22, 2001. The speaker will be Rev. Deffenbaugh and he will speak on "Negatives, No, Not, Never." Doors can be open at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will start at 8:00 pm. This meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center 7450 W. 83rd Street, Bridgeview. Further information can be obtained by calling Deacon Ken at (708) 458-8923 or Tom and Marianne (708) 499-5377.

Sincerely

Deacon Kenneth Schoenfeld



aware of the role they can play in conservation.

The League understands the need for expansion of public buildings, but surely, there is property available without destroying the natural prairie. We urge the District 229 Board of Education to consider the actions they are taking.

Sincerely,

Carol Schaal, President  
League of Women Voters  
of Palos-Orland  
(708) 636-1165

## Dear Editor:

Thank you for your recent article explaining homeschooling (1/20/01 Clearing & Garfield Ridge edition). My wife and I homeschooled 3 of our 5 children for 2 years, and found it a very fulfilling experience.

It is interesting that homeschooling is viewed as "non traditional" and even "radical," when it is actually very fundamental. Opponents question the teaching qualifications of parents and the socialization available to the students. As your article correctly reports, homeschooled students generally perform at a higher level than those "traditionally" schooled, and are not exposed to the negative socialization (bullying, drugs, alcohol, etc.) which is part of daily life with some children. There are plenty of other activities, parentally supervised, which can provide positive socialization.

Homeschooling is an idea whose time has come again. I fully support those capable parents who are willing to take such a "radical" step in the lives of their children and themselves. Your publication should be commended for informing the public of the powerfully pro family aspects of homeschooling.

Denis McNamara  
Evergreen Park

## Representative Brosnahan

State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) recently moved his district office to 5311 W. 95th Street in Oak Lawn. The new office is next door to the old one. The telephone number remains 708-499-2810.

## Little Company presents Women's Wellness Weekend

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers invites you to enjoy smooth sailing on "Women's Wellness Weekend - 2001 Fantasy Cruise" on February 23, 24, 25. Co-sponsored by Women's Wellness Consultants of Little Company and the Hilton Oak Lawn, this women's weekend offers a rare opportunity to rediscover yourself and restore your mind, body and spirit.

The package fee for the event includes a two night stay at the beautiful Hilton Oak Lawn, all meals, exciting programs, informative workshops, Sunday liturgy, exercise, chair massage, a book room, a special gift, relaxation and much more. The package fee per person is \$260 for double room occupancy and \$240 per person for triple room occupancy.

To request a reservation form or for more information, please call (708) 423-5774. Reservations must be received by February 13.

## Sons of Italy to grant college scholarships to high school students

The Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation announced that Graduating High School Seniors who are full or partially of Italian Ancestry are invited to compete for college scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each, to be awarded by the Foundation.

The Scholarships will be awarded to qualified students who will graduate this year from any recognized public or private high school within the State of Illinois.

Applicants will be selected upon the basis of financial need; scholastic achievements; activities in high school showing character and leadership; Applicant's personal essay and faculty recommendations.

Applicants can be obtained by contacting the Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation, in writing, at 7222 West Cermak Road, Suite 220, North Riverside, Illinois 60546. Include a self addressed, stamped envelope.

Applications are available now and must be completed and returned to the Foundation by July 1st.



## Brownie Troop 125 at Evergreen Park Village Pantry

Pictured on the left side of the table are Claudia Malone, Co-leader; Jori Floyd, Leader; Cindy Bruinius, Co-leader. Front Row, left to right, are Brownies Nicole Bruinius, Claire Sherman, Lindsey Showalter. Right side of table Back to Front are Taylor Smerz, Samantha Floyd; 2nd Row are Amanda Gilhooly, Brianna Lambrecht, Danielle Murray. Front Row are Carolyn Malone, Jolyne Piet, Danielle Sellers, Brittany Schmitz.

Worry often gives a small thing a big shadow.  
—Peb Jackson

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Brownie Troop #125 assisted the Evergreen Park Village Pantry Coalition replenish their food supply that aids needy residents of Evergreen. The troop along with their leaders delivered a generous amount of dry, canned, and packaged food items and paper products.

The Village food pantry organization is grateful for the bountiful donations made by the many civic clubs, churches and individuals this past season. This enables the pantry to serve the community throughout the year.

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# FOOD FOR SECONDS

## Valentine Brunch stars easy beef hash

Make zesty Shredded Beef and Chorizo Sausage Hash the Valentine menu star. Easy beef combined with fresh chorizo sausage, frozen potatoes O'Brien, cilantro, bell peppers and onion result in an unexpected, delicious, change of pace hash, perfect for a holiday menu.

For the beef, use "heat and serve" pot roast and get a real jump start on preparation. This convenient, fully cooked beef pot roast is as tasty and tender as scratch pot roast without the long cooking time.

1 pkg. (about 2 pounds) fully cooked boneless beef pot roast with gravy

8 oz. fresh chorizo sausage, casing removed

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

3/4 cup finely chopped green bell pepper

3/4 cup finely chopped onion

3 cups frozen potatoes O'Brien, defrosted

1/4 teaspoon salt

3 tablespoons chopped

fresh cilantro

Directions:

Heat oven to 400°. Remove pot roast and gravy from package; reserve 1/3 cup gravy. Shred enough beef with 2 forks to measure 2 cups. Reserve remaining pot roast and gravy for another use.

In large ovenproof non-stick skillet, brown sausage over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes, breaking up into 1/2 inch crumbles. Drain on paper towels.

Discard drippings; wipe out skillet. In same skillet, heat oil over medium heat until hot. Add bell pepper and onion. Cook and stir until tender. Stir in potatoes. Season with salt.

Add beef, sausage, reserved gravy and cilantro to vegetables; mix well. Firmly press down top of mixture. Bake in 400° oven 20 minutes or until lightly browned and crisp.

Total preparation and cooking time: 30 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

Appetizers Beef Provencal

1 package (about 2 pounds) fully cooked boneless beef pot roast with gravy

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed

1/4 teaspoon pepper

2 packages (2.1 oz. each) prebaked frozen mini phyllo shells (30 shells)

Chopped fresh parsley

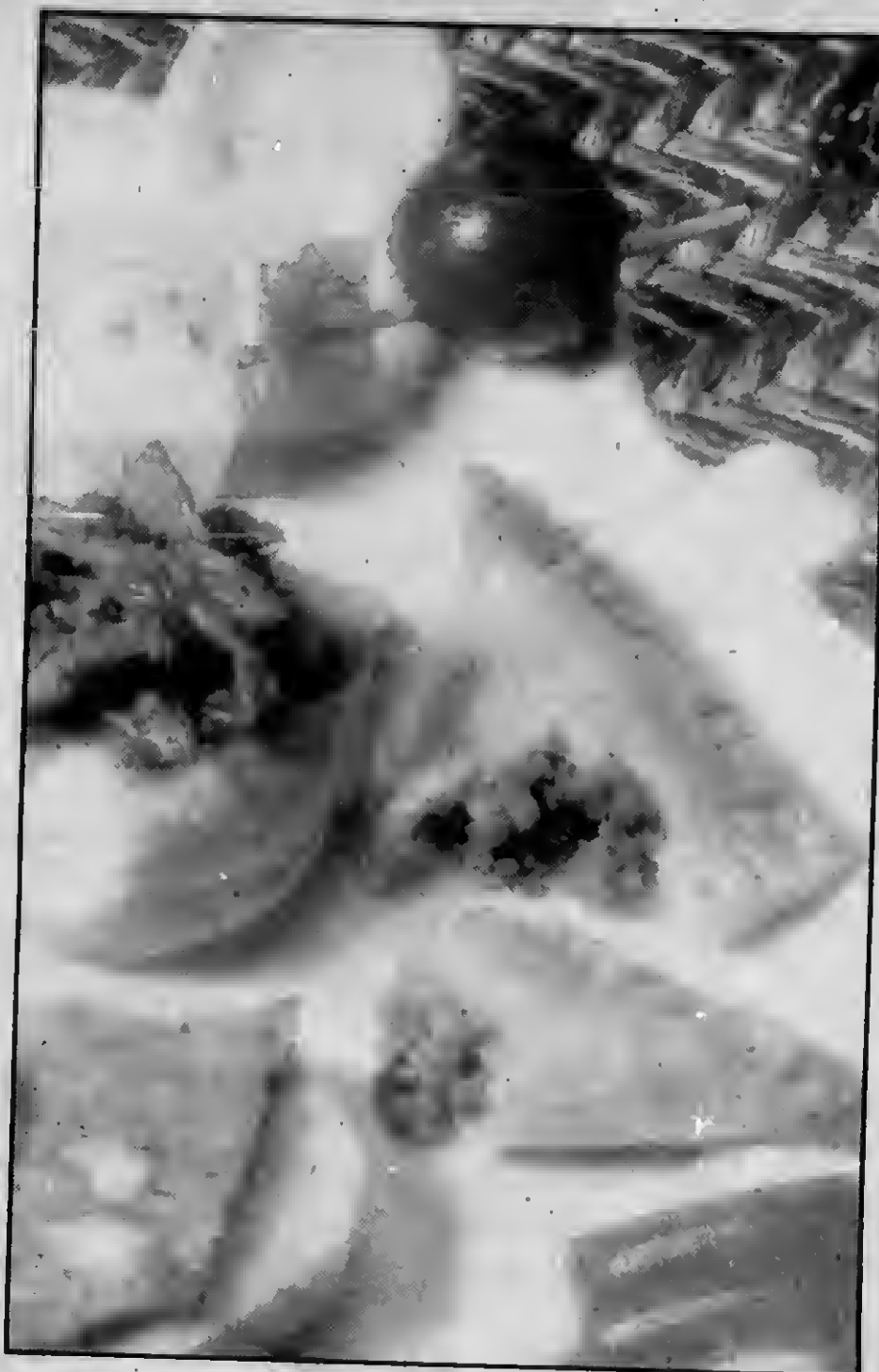
Heat oven to 375°. Remove beef pot roast from package; transfer gravy to large saucepan. Shred enough beef with 2 forks to measure 2 cups; add to gravy. Reserve remaining beef for another use. Add thyme and pepper to saucepan; cover and cook over medium low heat 7 to 10 minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile place phyllo shells on baking sheet. Bake in 375° oven 5 to 8 minutes or until hot. Spoon beef mixture evenly into phyllo shells; sprinkle with fresh parsley, as desired. Makes 30

Beef Pin wheels

3/4 pound well trimmed deli roast beef, thinly sliced

1 container (8 oz.) soft cream cheese with chives and onions

4 large (10 inch) flour tortillas



### Beef & Dried Cherry Mini Empanadas

Ingredients:

1 pound lean ground beef

1/3 cup chopped dried cherries or raisins

1/4 cup dry sherry or apple juice

3 cloves garlic, minced

1/4 cup slivered almonds, toasted, chopped

1-1/2 teaspoons ground cumin

1 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper

2 packages (15 oz. each) refrigerated pie crusts

1 egg, slightly beaten

Heat oven to 400°. Combine cherries and sherry; let stand. Meanwhile in large nonstick skillet, brown ground

beef and garlic over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes or until beef is no longer pink. Pour off drippings. Stir in almonds, cumin, salt, red pepper and cherry mixture; set aside.

Roll each pie crust dough into a 10x12 inch rectangle; cut each into twelve (about 3 inch) squares. Place scant tablespoon beef filling in center of each square. Fold over 1 corner to form a triangle. Seal by brushing edges lightly with water and crimping fork. Trim to straighten edges, if necessary.

Place on two ungreased baking sheets; brush with egg. Bake in 400° over 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned.

Total preparation and cooking time: 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Makes 48 empanadas.

## Open house is easy entertaining

When planning your first social gathering after the wedding, instead of a sit down dinner, make it an open house. Offer an assortment of delicious, easy to prepare and eat appetizers and serve buffet style - you'll spend less time in the kitchen and more time mingling with guests as they drop by.

Of course, a few substantial appetizers are in order, too, since your open house will take the place of a meal for many guests. These easy beef choices, from pate to pinwheels, are just right. Versatile ground beef stars in two different and delicious

options. One is an upscale, but easy, make ahead Beef & Pistachio Pate. The pistachio nuts, garlic and herbs are perfect partners for the flavor of beef. The other, Beef & Dried Cherry Mini Empanadas (also make ahead), showcase a flavorful filling of ground beef, dried cherries and almonds encased in refrigerated pie crust dough.

Seasoned hosts will tell you the secret to a successful, sumptuous buffet: delicious food in an appealing variety of flavors, shapes and sizes that complement each other.

### Beef & Pistachio Pate

Ingredients:

2 pounds lean ground beef

1 cup soft bread crumbs

1/2 cup shelled unsalted pistachio nuts

1/2 cup chopped onion

3 cloves garlic, minced

1.4 cup chopped fresh parsley

1 egg, slightly beaten

1/4 cup brandy

1/4 cup heavy cream

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon cracked black pepper

1 teaspoon dried thymes leaves

Vegetable cooking spray

Thin slices of French bread

Heat oven to 350°. In large bowl, combine beef, bread crumbs, nuts, onion, garlic, parsley, egg, brandy, cream, salt, pepper and thyme; mix lightly but thoroughly.

Lightly spray bottom of 9 x 5 inch loaf pan with cooking spray. Press mixture into pan; cover tightly with aluminum foil. Place in 13 x 9 inch baking pan; transfer to middle rack of oven. Carefully pour hot water into outer pan until water reaches halfway up loaf pan. Bake in 350° oven 1-1/2 hours.

Cool slightly; carefully pour off drippings. To weigh plate, place heavy cans into a second 9 x 5 inch loaf pan.

Cover plate loosely with foil; place loaf pans with cans on top of pate. Refrigerate overnight.

Loosen sides of pate with knife; invert onto serving platter or wrap tightly and refrigerate up to 2 days. Cut crosswise into thin slices; cut each slice in half. Serve with French bread.

Total preparation and cooking time: 2 hours. Makes about 80 slices of pate.

### OVEN FAMILY MEALTIME TIP OF THE WEEK HARMONY FROM THE OVEN!

No denying that Beef Roast done rare has loyal fans. But...what to do when other family members prefer a less bloody portion? An attractive compromise can be had at 250° F. While cooking times are increased 50%, doneness is very even thru the whole roast. Most importantly for the rare beef fan, the roast maintains it's juiciness throughout.

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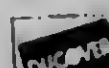
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# Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirity  
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## The Language of Love

In honor of Cupid's big day, it's only fitting to direct our attention towards this hearts and flowers kind of holiday with renewed interest in fueling the flames of passion. I know what you're probably thinking -- Romance is the last thing on your mind after a hectic day at the office, and an even more exhaustive evening of dealing with dinner, homework, bath and bed times. By the time your work weary head hits the pillow, the luxury of sleep is all that's on your mind.

When it comes to brain power, muscle power and how efficiently we use our time, the theory that, 'if you don't use it you lose it,' often comes into play. The theory also applies to the power of love. If you don't use your imagination, to keep the fondness flowing, it too will wither and die.

Once Cupid's arrow has struck, it's not difficult as you think to keep the desire, for one another, lively and amusing.

Miscommunication is perhaps the biggest reason why women seem to suffer headaches on a regular basis, but taking steps to appreciate the 'big' picture can help to keep the Tylenol in the medicine cabinet, while restoring romance in the bedroom.

It's all in the way we look at it which, at times, does take allot of creative thinking, on our part, but it can be well worth the effort. In marriage we vow to love and honor our husbands. After many years of marriage it is a wife, wealthy in wisdom, who values the unspoken vow of deciphering her husband's -- 'language of love,' which is spoken in a language all its own.

How many times do we women feel insulted when our husbands lead us into Victoria's Secret, as they browse through the lingerie, showing us what they want for *their* birthday? I've had the temptation to strangle my Romeo, right there in the store, with the size 6 satin negligee he holds up to my size 14 frame. But, in his language of love, all he's saying is that he still sees his bride as svelte and sexy as the day he married her. I've learned to see it as a compliment that my honey still sees me as Victoria Secret's material, when I know I belong at Lane Bryant.

While wives see a candle lit dinner for two as invitingly romantic, her husband's prelude to a romantic evening can be debatable. He'll point to the fact that, love is on his mind as, he washes dishes, loads the washer, and runs the vacuum across the floor. It takes years of experience for a wife to appreciate that these chores, done as a token of his love and affection, are practical gestures, that speak louder than words, from his point of view.

If you think about it, doesn't the sight of a clean kitchen and empty laundry hamper make for an evening of spontaneous romance? Sometimes I regard his efforts as foreplay -- the cleaner the house, the more amorous I feel!

Men and Women, we define romance in different ways, but if we ever expect to have and to hold, the whimsy of wedded bliss, we need to really listen to the language of our husband's love. It will serve us well, all the days of our married lives.

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## Stretching time: Einstein's special Theory of Relativity

Time, opening at the Museum of Science and Industry, January 26, 2001, features not only the most spectacular display of historic timepieces anywhere, it also seeks to address the elusive nature of time itself.

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tion the very basic nature of time.

From the curving shape of the walls to the constantly changing lighting scheme, the fourth and final section of the exhibit creates a sense of movement or time in flux. Video presentations will give our guests a chance to learn about the "Twin Paradox,"

cultural and scientific relativity. At the heart of this section are two timepieces, one an eight foot tall majestic Tokagawa tower clock, the other, a clean lined, file cabinet shaped minimalist Hydrogen Maser clock, though the two clocks could not seem more different, each has managed to achieve the same goal: to stretch the confines of time.

The Tokagawa clock achieves this by keeping temporal time, in other words, by tracking hours that can be lengthened or shortened depending on the season or time of year. At the same time, the Maser clock measures the stretching of time scientifi-

cally, proving Einstein's theory that time is elastic. In an experiment performed by NASA, one Maser clock was shot up into space to orbit the earth, while an identical clock remained on earth. When the time on both clocks was compared, the clock in the rocket was noticeably slower than the other. So while the Tokugawa and Maser clocks are vastly different, each one managed to achieve the same goal: to stretch time, one culturally and the second scientifically.

So while Einstein may be right when he said that time was fluid, the date has been set: Time opens promptly on January 26, 2001.

The Museum of Science and Industry is one of the country's preeminent centers for informal science and technology education. Located at 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive, just minutes away from downtown Chicago, the Museum is open every day of the year except Christmas Day, from 9:30 am until 4:00 pm. Monday through Friday and 9:30 am until 5:30 pm on weekends and holidays.

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## Awana clubs: 50 years old and still a kid at heart

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Today Awana is an international organization that attracts than one million children and teenagers to weekly clubs in 103 countries. The organization has grown more than Rorheim could ever have imagined in 1950 when the entire ministry consisted of two people and a solitary desk.

But one thing hasn't changed is the driving force behind the Awana ministry -- kids. Awana clubs are fun places where young people can play games, make friends, and learn valuable lessons from the Bible.

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## Holly & Jon Herath

June 24th, 2000

Wedding bells were really ringing at Christian Church of Clarendon Hills. The couple had a music officiant, Matthew Rogers and they had a Chamber Orchestra with Holly's students from Leyden High School East and West and Holly's sister Christina, Schupple, solo pianist, who played Ave Maria. The religious ceremony was so musically and spiritually planned.

Parents of the Bride are Arlene and Jay Schupple and Arlene wore a powder blue chiffon dress. The Groom's parents William and Patricia Herath are from East Moline, Illinois. The Maid of Honor was Christina Schupple along with Matron of Honor, Julie Schupple and Bridesmaids Anna Herath and Holly's friend, Amy Vogt. The Best Man was Brian Nichols, for-



merly from Evergreen Park. The three Groomsmen were Jason Brown, Joseph Brown, and James Fry, all friends of the Groom.

The reception was held at the Drake in Oakbrook, where the Orchestra Deja Vu performed and Maria Dripps-Paulsen was the pianist.

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Pictured are Joe and Anne Laschober after their wedding on February 22, 1936. They were married at St. Ethelreda Parish on 88th and Paulina. Anne (Mackey) Laschober was in 3rd grade when she moved to the North Beverly area and says she still belongs to a women's club from that era all attended St. Ethelreda Parish. Both Anne and Joe, being very athletic, belonged to Fellmuth Booster Club. They met playing basketball. Joe was from Back of the Yards, 50th and Justine, and Anne was from 88th and Wood.



Pictured Joseph and Anne Laschober, year 2000.

## 65th Anniversary for a busy couple

On February 22nd, Joe and Anne Laschober will be celebrating 65 years as one, as they have vowed to do in 1936.

Joe and Anne are still doing things they like to do together. One fine day, they decided to take a drive to Frankfort, IL, just to get out and drive on roads they haven't seen before. They often do things together, such as to

design and construct doll houses for Misericordia Home. They also go to church together, for Joe is an usher and gives much of his time to the church. They also attend Evergreen Park Village Hall meetings together, Joe doesn't miss a meeting.

Joe and Anne will be celebrating at a reception, given by grandson, Joseph III and wife Cathy, on February 17th at Nikos after the 4:00 pm mass at St. Bernadette Church. It will be a small reception for family and

friends. The Laschober family consists of two sons, Joseph Jr. and James; six grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren.

Joe and Anne have lived in Evergreen Park for 56 years and on their 50th Anniversary, received the key to the Village, presented to them at the Martinique by Mayor Vacco.

Congratulations to both Joe and Anne for your love for one another and the community in which you serve.

## Engagement announcement

Julie Stachon and Tom Baffi set their wedding for July 21, 2001 at St. Bede the Venerable Church at 83rd and Kostner in Chicago. The reception will be held at the Chateau Del Mar, where approximately 350 of their friends and family will be attending. Photography will be done courtesy of Fox Studios.

Julie graduated from Queen of Peace High School in Burbank, and attended Moraine Valley Community College and continued on to St. Xavier. Julie presently teaches 5th grade at Queen of Martyrs and still continues coaching ice skating at the Oak Lawn Park District and has for 5 years.

Julie's father, Joe, works as a policeman and Julie's mother, Barbara, works as an office manager. Joe and Jon are Julie's two brothers.

Tom graduated from Bogan High School in Chicago and attended college at the University of Illinois. He presently works at the City of Lights. Tom's immediate family consists of his parents, Chuck and Gail, and his two sisters, Laurie and Jennifer.



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## Italian and American Traditions intermingle

by Jude Coyle

I attended a wonderful wedding in September. When told that we needed something for the upcoming Wedding Issue, I asked if I could share this wedding.

Danny and Lucy Labriola of Blue Island are our neighbors and close friends. They are the proud parents of three, Little Lucy, Pasquale and Claudio. It was Pasquale, or Pat's, wedding we attended. Big Lucy talked to me about it.

Pat is a graduate of Northern Illinois University and holds a Masters Degree in Business Management. Shortly after graduation, he moved into the Lincoln Park area in

order to cut his commute to Downtown Chicago. Most of his friends had done the same thing.

Pat met Shauna Spain through mutual friends. Shauna, daughter of Stephen and Jane Spain, was born and raised in Denver. Because of work, she relocated to Chicago. Her education is as extensive as Pat's. After three years, the couple became engaged.

"We're Italian," Lucy said, "And we wanted a traditional Italian wedding. Pat has American friends and wanted to have American traditions, too." Because Shauna comes from another part of the country and that her family lives there, Shauna

and Lucy worked together to plan a wedding that was both Italian and American, and would accommodate many out of towners.

"We chose the restaurant, Alto Villa in Addison, first because it was an Italian banquet hall, and then because it was available. Then we lined up the Church, and we found the closest hotel. We sent that information out with the invitations, and the people made their own reservations," Lucy explained.

They had decisions to make, shopping to do, and menus to plan.

"We had an engagement dinner," Lucy said, "At the Martinique. And

the rehearsal dinner at Mama Vesuvio's in Palos." People who had come in from out of town early were invited to join the wedding party and their families at the rehearsal dinner. "We had 60 people," Lucy said.

"I went with Shauna to pick out her dress," Lucy explained. "Eva's Bridal on 95th Street in Oak Lawn." The bride is dainty. She picked a white, silk dress, that accented her figure perfectly. The bodice was fitted and the skirt full. An applique heart took up most of the front. The veil she chose was short, coming to just beyond her collar, and did not cover her face prior to the ceremony.

Her girls wore plum. She had six attendants, including Pat's sister, Lucy DeVenuto. Lucy was expecting at the time.

The wedding took place on September 2, at St. Donatos in Blue Island. Father Frank Falco officiated. "Pat knew Father Frank since kindergarten," Lucy said. Father Frank had left St. Donatos 15 years earlier for a parish in Hillside, and had returned at the family's request. He remembered Pat from way back when. "It is so good," Father Falco said, "To watch these kids grow up, and then to be asked to come back and be part of their weddings."

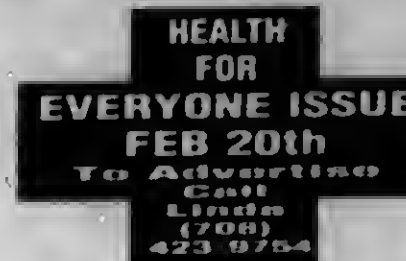
After Mass, the celebration moved to Alto Villa in Addison. The couple provided directions for the long drive.

Once dinner ended, the music began in earnest. "I wanted a band," Lucy said. "We had one for Little Lucy's wedding. And a D.J. who played

during the breaks. Pat and Shauna wanted a D.J. only, so we had a D.J."

"What made me happy," Lucy said, "Was that we ate, and drank wine, and danced. Everybody had a good time, and nobody got drunk or made trouble."

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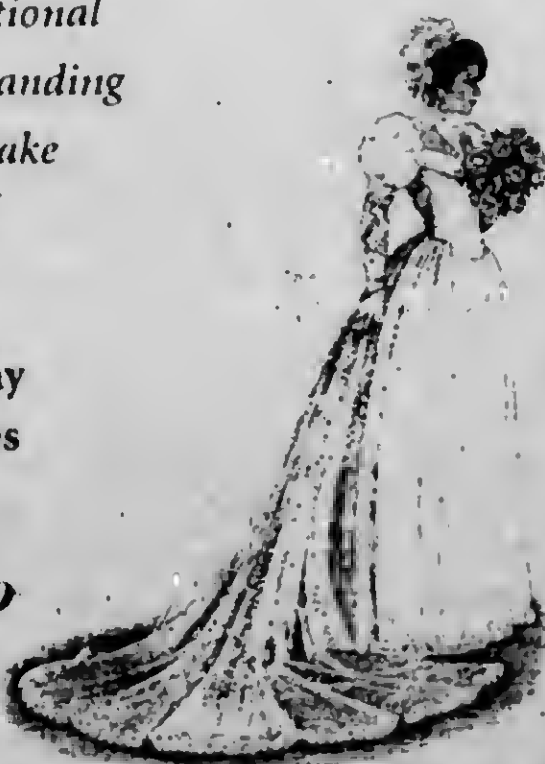
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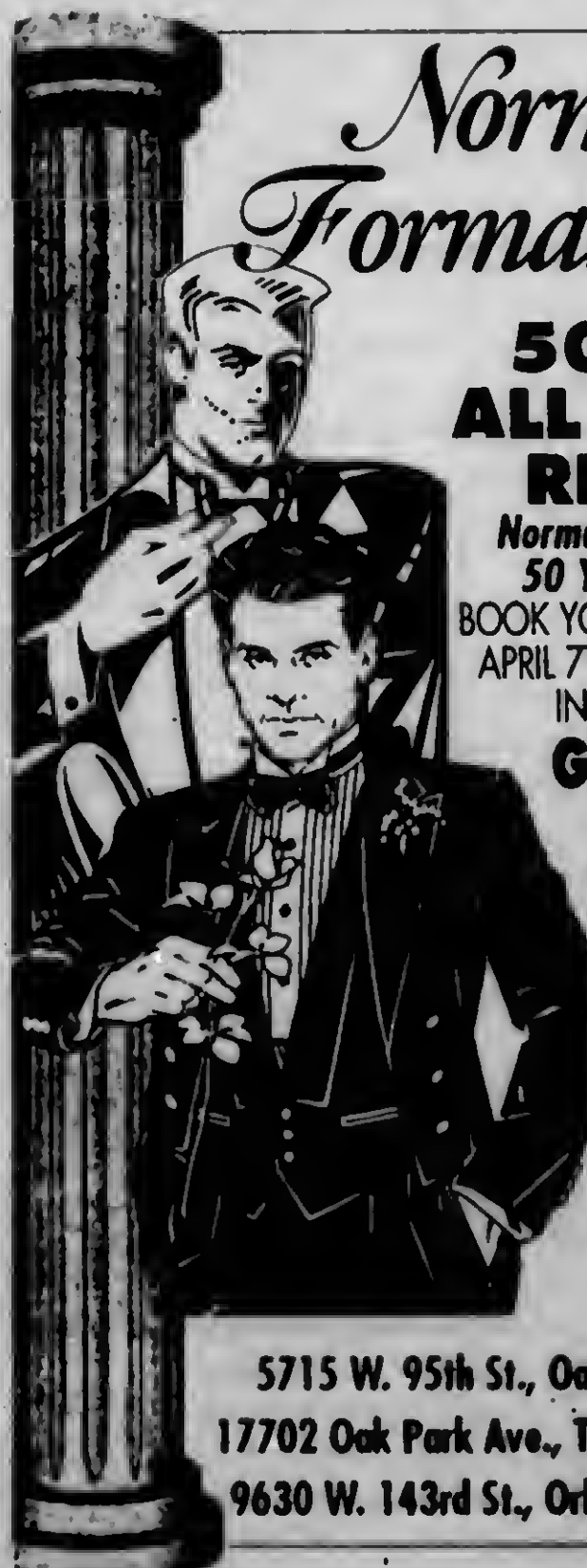
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## Crystal Heart Ball to help Little Company's Cancer Program grow

Proceeds from Crystal Heart Ball 2001 at Chicago's Field Museum February 10, 2001, will help The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers cancer program for the community.

The Cancer Center, which officially opens its doors in January, will continually improve its community outreach and education about cancer as well as its medical services. Meeting the growing costs of the latest medical technology to diagnose and treat cancer will be an outgoing focus of the Hospital's fund raising efforts.

At the 11th annual black tie dinner dance, the Hospital's premier fundraising event, local resident Thomas Owens, a retired businessman who founded XL/Datacomp and now directs the Owens Foundation's charitable activities, will be honored with the 2001 Mary Potter Humanitarian Award for his work with the homeless and disadvantaged youth. The Mary Potter Humanitarian Award honors an individual whose personal and professional accomplishments embody the ideals, vision and mission of Venerable Mary Potter, Foundress of the Little

### Thomas Owens 2001 Mary Potter Award Recipient

A Loyola University Graduate, Mr. Owens joined IBM in 1960 and held various marketing and management positions until 1979. In July of 1979, he left IBM and formed a new company XL/Datacomp, Inc. By 1990, the company had 80 locations worldwide.

In 1985, Tom launched the Owens Foundation, a charitable trust directed toward easing homelessness and to assist financially disadvantaged children by providing them with a Catholic high school education.

In 1991, Tom founded the CARA Program. Linked with approximately 85 transitional shelters and recovery programs, the CARA program, which means "Friend" in Irish, is the most successful program in the city, seeking out homeless families who are truly motivated to become self sufficient. The program provides quality training and full time em-

ployment with 100 Chicago are companies. A full time staff of 13 along with 150 volunteers/mentors monitor the new employees for nine months. A staff of volunteer lawyers and dentists offer pro bono services. With good job performance, the CARA participants take advantage of a savings plan and affordable home ownership.

The results speak for themselves. Since inception, the program has touched approximately 3,500 families. For the last four years, job retention has been outstanding. For every 100 people placed in jobs, 70 will be employed after one year.

On the education front, the Owens Foundation provides scholarship funding to some 25 Catholic high schools and programs in the area. These scholarships are directed to inner city, financially disadvantaged children.

Tom and his family firmly

believe that a Catholic high school education offers a real opportunity for an excellent education, cultivates pride and self esteem, and goes a long way to fight off the ravages of gangs and drugs. More than 90% of these young men and women go on to college and become solid citizens.

Mr. Owens resides in Oak Lawn with his wife Mary. They have five children and 15 grandchildren.

### 55 Alive Defensive driving class

The first "55 Alive" class of 2001 is scheduled Tuesday, February 13, and Wednesday, February 14, (12:30 pm to 4:30 pm) at the Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street, Evergreen Park 60805.

Attendance both days is required for certification. Early sign up is recommended, as class size is limited. Register in person (above address) or by mail (sending \$10 check payable to AARP to OCS).

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## Bids accepted for improvements in region

The Illinois Department of Transportation has awarded contracts and accepted bids for several road improvements projects in the southwest metropolitan region, including the second phase of rebuilding and improving the intersection of 127th and Cicero, according to State Senator Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park).

"In a region like ours with a high volume of traffic, keeping our roads in good shape is not only vital to our economy, it is also important to our quality of life," O'Malley said.

A \$18,382,105 contract was awarded to widen 0.76 mile, rebuild pavement, redeck three bridges, build a retaining wall, and modernize lighting and traffic signals along Cicero Avenue at 127th

Street and at the Tri State Tollway in Alsip.

A contract was awarded in the amount of \$1,538,925 for the installation of a highway lighting system, sidewalks, and combination concrete curb and gutter on 95th Street from New England Avenue to Pulaski Road in Oak Lawn.

A \$118,237 contract has been awarded for traffic signal modernization at the intersection of Cal-Sag Road and Rivercrest Drive, and for traffic signal interconnection with the adjacent Cicero Avenue traffic control system in Crestwood.

Two other projects have recently received bids from contractors.

Milling and resurfacing 1.02 miles of Southwest Hwy., from 111th Street to

Harlem Avenue in Worth and Palos Hills is expected to cost \$270,000.

Milling and resurfacing 2.84 miles of 159th Street, from 71st Court to Cicero Avenue in Oak Forest, Tinley Park and Orland Park is expected to cost \$1,200,000.

### OCS

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Across the Causeway into Miami there is Bayside, an entertainment/shopping area within the 50 block radius for

free transportation by the spa's courtesy car. Buy baubles from street vendors, indulge in a refreshing pina colada while street musicians serenade.

The spa is open from November 1st into May, but March 2nd to the 20th the spa offers a special rate of only \$66 per day that includes all meals and a daily massage. Just the thing for any Chicago area bones, especially senior/leisure winter-ravaged bones ready for a spa holiday!

Let the March winds blow with all the force they can muster. This pesky snow most probably will still be around in March with even a bit more piled on for good measure. Remember when city trucks had to shovel off and cart away the snow piles to make room for the St. Patrick's Day Parade?

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## Military News

Navy Ensign Erik A. Brummerstedt, son of Nancy S. and Barry S. Brummerstedt of Burbank, recently graduated from the Navy's Basic Nuclear Power School at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Goose Creek, South Carolina.

He is a 1999 graduate of University of Illinois Urbana, with a BS degree.



## Join Irish tenor John McDermott at the Paramount

John McDermott, one of the Three Irish Tenors, will entertain audiences at the Paramount Arts Centre in Aurora, on Sunday, March 4 at 3:00 pm. Though such favorites as "Danny Boy," and "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," John McDermott will entrance listeners with his warm, rich tenor voice.

John McDermott, one of the most popular and best selling recording artists, has total record sales close to one million. McDermott's concerts are celebratory occasions, invariably sold out weeks before he arrives in town.

McDermott's album *The Danny Boy Collection* has become one of the most successful debut releases by an adult artist in Canada. It has now sold more than 200,000 copies, and a slightly different version of the album (with some tracks from his second Canadian release, *Old Friends*) has sold more than 400,000 copies in the United States.

Today, newspapers call him "one of the finest entertainers in the country," "much more than a gifted student of the Celtic ballad tradition -- a natural showman."

## The musical Forever Swing comes to Chicago

Re-live the heyday of the swing era with this electrifying big band musical revue. Featuring a full orchestra on stage, ten swing kids and singers, Forever Swing is sure to have your toes tapping. Forever Swing will play the Chicago Theatre, 175 North State Street, from Tuesday, February 6 to Sunday, February 11, 2001. Tickets are now on sale.

Forever Swing will play the Chicago Theatre from February 6 to February 11, 2001. The performance schedule will be as follows: Tuesday, February 6 at 7:30

and "the finest traditional balladeer to cross our path." McDermott gives much of the credit to his own corny jokes and his two back up players, guitarist Bill Bridges and keyboard player Brigham Phillips.

All tickets for John McDermott are \$26 and are on sale now at the Paramount Arts Centre box office, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora, (630) 896-6666 and TicketMaster ticket outlets.

John McDermott is sponsored by the Paramount Arts Centre Endowment and by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

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pm; Saturday, February 10 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm and Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Tickets range from \$19.50 to \$50.50, are now on sale at the Chicago Theatre Box Office, 175 North State Street, by calling Ticketmaster at (312) 902-1500, at all Ticketmaster ticket centers or at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). For the Tuesday, February 6 (opening night) performance tickets are specially priced at just \$19.50 for the best seats in the house.

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If you take a little time to plan it right, you can have an ultra romantic evening at home: cozy, warm and very special. Part of making any celebration unique and memorable is setting the correct mood for it. Create an environment that exudes love and romance so that both of you can simply get caught up in each other. Your dinner should be more than just food; it should be an event, with all the right touches.

Legend has it that fondue was created by a shepherd in the Swiss Alps who was inspired to heat his nightly dinner of wine and cheese in a pot, then scoop out the delicious concoction with chunks of crusty bread.

Why a fondue for Valentine's Day? Because it's simple and elegant, and with some fondue pots, your heat source is the flickering of a sweet little candle! (More about candles later.) Besides, food that is warm, melted, silky, and creamy is also fun to eat. Skewer it, dunk it, swirl and twirl it, then, for added romance, feed it to each other! Fondue is also excellent for taking the chill out of winter. This time of year, there's nothing better for an intimate meal for two.

There are many types of fondue, but for this meal, the focus is on cheese. For those of you who have never tried making this indulgent dish, you'll be delightfully surprised at how easy it is. If you can grate cheese and stir with a wooden spoon, you will have mastered fondue. It's that easy!

Popular cheeses for fondue include:

**Emmentaler:** Switzerland's oldest cheese, it has a distinctly nutty-sweet, mellow flavor. It has a pale yellow interior with a light brown rind.

**Gruyere:** This Swiss cheese has a rich, sweet, nutty flavor with a pale yellow interior and a golden brown rind. It has a stronger flavor than Emmentaler.

**Camembert:** This cheese has an edible downy white rind and a smooth, creamy interior with an aromatic flavor. Select cheese that is plump and soft to the touch, but not runny.

**Brie:** This cheese has an edible downy white rind and a cream colored interior. Look for Brie that is plump and resilient to the touch.

**Feta:** This cheese is white and crumbly with a sharp and

pungent flavor. Other cheeses (such as Cheddar or Jack) can be mixed in with the more traditional Swiss.

### Fondue Tips:

Cook the fondue in a heavy saucepan first, transferring to the fondue pot once all the cheese has melted. The gentle heat of the fondue pot will maintain a lower heat needed to prevent scorching. Meanwhile, you may wish to warm the fondue pot by using boiling water as a "stand in" for the cheese mixture. Add the cheese in small handfuls and stir constantly for a smooth fondue. If the fondue becomes too thick during stovetop cooking or while in the fondue pot, gradually whisk in a few tablespoons of brandy (that has first been brought to a simmer). Repeat this step as needed.

When you reach the end of the pot, you'll find thick grilled cheese at the bottom. This is a rich, delicious, highly prized delicacy, and should be shared.

What to do with leftover cheese fondue? It can be used as a savory topping for rice or baked potatoes, or even a filling for omelets.

### Recipe for Romance:

\*Buy flowers and put them everywhere. Most grocery stores sell roses and bouquets at more affordable prices than the higher priced flower shops.

\*For ladies, wear "romantic" style clothing. Soft cotton, silk, satin, or cashmere, is exceptionally feminine and lovely. Also, angora, and

other "fuzzy" fabrics, can be quite alluring, especially when paired with pearls.

\*Have your hair freshly washed and soft to the touch. Keep the perfume light. Spray the air and walk through it to offer a much more subtle and delicate scent.

\*Candlelight is one of the most popular symbols of romance. Go to a local discount or craft store and stock up on as many candles as possible. If you can, have candlelight be your only light. Stay away from heavy fragrances. The aroma of your candle should be simple and light.

\*Use soft pink light bulbs if you need additional light not supplied by the candles.

\*Set the table with your best china and crystal.

\*Sit at a table made from faux pearls or rose petals, or design your own romantic creation.

\*Play your favorite romantic music.

\*Place heart soaps in the bathroom and kitchen.

\*Put out your fluffiest bath towels.

\*Have massage oil and/or bubble bath handy.

\*Use potpourri in the bathroom.

\*Scatter foil wrapped chocolate kisses all over the floor with a note about "kissing the ground you walk on."

\*Lay a rose on your love's pillow and/or a scattering of rose petals on top of the bed.

\*Rent a romantic movie.

\*Paint each other with edible body paints, or for an extra spicy evening, pull out all the stops with a wickedly fun game such as Wildly Sexy Dares (available at [www.me2u.com](http://www.me2u.com)).

An exceptionally simple and elegant menu for Valentine's Day:

French Kisses, Classic Fondue, Mixed baby greens, and Creme Brulee L'Orange with Rose Petals.

### French Kisses:

1 part Grey Goose Vodka L'Orange, 1 part Peach Schnapps, Splash cranberry juice, Splash pineapple juice, lime slices. Shake all with ice and serve straight up with a slice of lime.

### Classic Fondue:

4 oz. Gruyere cheese  
8 oz. Swiss cheese  
1 tbsp. cornstarch  
1 clove garlic  
1 cup dry white wine  
2 tablespoons Jacques Carlin brandy  
Freshly grated nutmeg  
Freshly grated pepper  
Crusty French bread cut into 1" cubes  
Sliced apples and pears

Grate cheese and mix with cornstarch. Cut garlic clove in half. Rub garlic over inside of fondue pot. Mince the other half clove and add to pot. Add wine to pot and heat slowly until it just bubbles. Slowly add the cheese mixture, stirring as it melts. When smooth, add brandy, nutmeg, and pepper. Serve with French bread. (Serves 4)

### Mixed Baby Greens Salad:

8 oz. of mixed baby greens such as baby spinach or arugula  
2 tablespoons best quality extra virgin olive oil  
1 teaspoon coarse salt  
In a large bowl toss greens with oil and salt. Serve salad immediately.

**Creme Brulee L'Orange with Rose Petals:**

4 egg yolks  
2 tablespoons granulated white sugar  
1 cup heavy cream  
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
1 tablespoon Grey Goose L'Orange orange flavored vodka

2 tablespoons granulated white sugar (for the caramelized tops)

Organic rose petals for garnish

\*Preheat oven to 300°. In a large bowl, whisk together egg yolks and sugar until the sugar has dissolved and the mixture is thick and pale yellow. Add cream, vanilla, and orange flavored vodka and continue to whisk until well blended. Strain into a bowl, skimming off any foam or bubbles. Divide mixture among 2 large ramekins. Place in a water bath (a baking dish filled with warm water) and bake until set around the edges, but still a little jiggly in the center, about 50 to 60 minutes. Remove from oven and leave in the water bath until cooled. Remove cups from the water bath and chill for at least 2 hours, or up to 2 days in advance.

When ready to serve, sprinkle sugar over each custard. For best results, use a small, hand-held torch to melt the sugar. If you don't have a torch, place under the broiler until sugar melts. Re-chill custards for a few minutes before serving.

Debbie Puente is a food journalist and the author of *Elegantly Easy Creme Brulee and other Custard Desserts* and the soon-to-be-released *Elegantly Easy Liqueur-Inspired Desserts*.

## Chicago Bulls versus Boston Celtics

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Directed by David Mink and starring a talented cast, Dale Benson, Nancy Baird, Jeff Christian, Ron Rains, Linda Parsons, Gary Brichetto, Keely Vasquez, and Robert Browning. Love, Sex, and the I.R.S. will keep you laughing from start to finish.

Performances of Love, Sex, and the I.R.S. are Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 2:00 pm; Friday evenings at 8:30 pm; Saturdays at 5:00 pm and 8:30 pm; and Sundays at 3:30 pm.

## Second City to bring antics to Moraine Valley stage

The Second City's National Touring Company will bring its trademark satire and wit to Moraine Valley Community College on Friday and Saturday, February 23 and 24. The performances will take place at 8:00 pm.

For more than 40 years, the Second City National Touring Company has delighted audiences all over the world. Performers such as Bill Murray, John Belushi, Chevy Chase, and George Carlin have all completed a tour of duty with the company.

Featuring a blend of classic scenes, songs, and improvisation performed by a six member ensemble and augmented by musical accompaniment, along with The Second City's National Touring Company combines the best material

Individual ticket prices are \$26.00 (\$21.00 for weekday matinees) for show only; \$34.00 to \$46.00 for show with lunch or dinner including tax and gratuity. Senior citizen discounts of \$2.00 per person are available for all matinee performances with greater discounts for groups of 20 or more.

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## Program registration begins at Burbank Park District

The Burbank Park District has begun its winter/spring program registration for the 2001 season. The park district has many programs to choose from, such as ballet, tap, dance, gymnastics, basketball, fitness classes, karate, wellness and financial workshops, many special events and eleven different trips to choose from. For more information you can either call (708) 599-2070.

from Second City's storied history with the brightest comic performers of the future. Using few props and costumes, the ensemble lampoons modern life - political, social, and cultural.

The Second City's Moraine Valley performances will take place in the Dorothy Menker Theater, located in the college's Fine and Performing Arts Center, on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors, students, and Moraine Valley alumni.

For more information or to order tickets, call the Moraine Box Office at (708) 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 per order handling fee. For news media inquiries, call Marianne Naughton, public relations specialist, at (708) 974-5281.

## Doggone right: Blue's Clues Live back in Chicago

After last year's sell out engagement, Blue's Clues Live, an interactive theatrical production that has revolutionized children's theater, will again fetch the attention of Chicago area preschoolers, March 14-18, 2001, at the Rosemont Theatre.

Nickelodeon's "Blue's Clues" television series, the most watched preschool show on television with more than 7 million weekly viewers, barks to life on stage in Blue's Clues Live. Well loved characters like Blue, Steve and all their friends -- Mail Box, Slippery Soap, Tickety Tock, Mr. Salt and Mrs. Pepper -- along with some brand new characters, are all part of the live show, inviting preschoolers and their parents to think, imagine and become actively involved in a search for clues to "the most spectacular place."

According to first time collaborators Angela C. Santomero, one of the original creators of the "Blue's Clues" television series and co-author of Blue's Clues Live, and Gip Hoppe, director of Blue's Clues Live, the interactive show is a positive and empowering experience that will ultimately encourage young children to

become lifelong theatergoers.

"For many children, this will be their first experience with live theater," said Hoppe, whose directing credits also include *Jackie: An American Life on Broadway*. "So we've created a charming, smart play that really speaks to children. And we hope Blue's Clues Live inspires them to see even more theater."

Since its debut in 1999, Northwestern University graduate Thomas Mizer has portrayed Steve in Blue's Clues Live. Mizer graduated from Northwestern in 1993 "with highest distinction" and, before pursuing a theater career in New York, began working in Chicago as an actor, appearing in the Midwest premiere production of *Lost in Yonkers* and the original award winning production of *Schoolhouse Rock, Live*.

Tickets for the Rosemont Theater engagement are priced from \$15.00 to \$29.50 and can be purchased at the Rosemont Theater Box Office, 5400 N. River Road in Rosemont, all Ticketmaster locations, by phone at (312) 559-1212. Nickelodeon's "Blue's Clues" airs Monday through Friday at 8:30 and 11:30 am Central time.

## Enjoy the sounds of Ireland at the Paramount

Just in time for St. Patrick's Day weekend, enjoy the sounds of Ireland with the music of StoneRing, (formerly known as the Standing Stones) on Sunday, March 18, at 3:00 pm, only at the Paramount Arts Centre in Aurora.

StoneRing is an accomplished group of Celtic musicians who perform a well balanced blend of traditional songs, dance music (jigs, reels, etc.) and airs. Their repertoire also includes original compositions in the traditional style. Since being formed in 1997, the band has been an annual attraction in Milwaukee's Irish Fest, The Milwaukee Highland Games, The Midlothian IL Scottish Fair, and numerous other events.

StoneRing will make audiences laugh, cry and even dance! This is far more than a performance of just songs. Their tales of the land and of the people and the stories they weave around the songs make the performance an unforgettable and memorable experience for both young and old alike! Bring the entire family to the Paramount and celebrate St. Patrick's Day weekend. All tickets for the StoneRing are just \$15 and are on sale now at the Paramount Arts Centre box office, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora, (630) 896-6666 and TicketMaster ticket outlets.

The StoneRing is sponsored by the Paramount Arts Centre Endowment and by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

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## Friends of the library trip to Omnimax Theater

Tickets are still available for a trip to see a double feature at the Ominimax Theater of the Museum of Science and Industry on Wednesday, February 21 with the Friends of Oak Lawn Library.

The films scheduled to be shown are "Solarmax" and "Michael Jordan to the Max." The cost of the trip, including deluxe coach transportation, museum and theater admission, is \$24 for Friends members and \$26 for others. The bus will depart at 9:15 am and return approximately 5:30 to 6:00 pm. Lunch will be on your own.

To register, call Genevieve Sobanski, trip chair, (708) 598-7971, after 4:00 pm.

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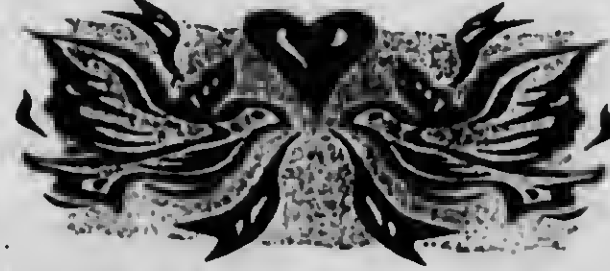
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## Headache free Valentine's Day tips

Valentine's Day may spell love, excitement and fun for most people; but for millions of Americans, Cupid's arrow points straight to one big headache.

Over 45 million Americans experience chronic, recurring headache, more than the 33 million sufferers of arthritis, diabetes and coronary heart disease combined. To enjoy a "headache free" Valentine's Day, the National Headache Foundation (NHF) offers these tips:

**\*Avoid Chocolate** - Various chemicals found in chocolate are thought to trigger migraines. Appease your sweetheart's sweet tooth with "headache free" treats such as novelty cookies and cakes, or spice things up with cinnamon flavored candy.

**\*Avoid gifts of flowers or perfume** - Various fragrances and flowers, although they smell and look beautiful, can provoke headaches and spoil the occasion before it begins. A gift certificate for a massage treatment, a relaxation tape or a basket of bath and beauty products are original, "headache free" gifts which will pamper and relax your Valentine.

**\*Watch what you eat and drink** - A migraine sufferer has to be aware of the many

different foods and beverages that trigger headaches. Aged cheeses, citrus fruits, processed meats, red wines and excessive amounts of caffeinated beverages are items to avoid to achieve a "headache free" evening.

**\*Consult your healthcare provider** - Many Americans suffer from frequent headaches, but fail to seek the advice of their healthcare provider. If headache pain interferes with your work or family life, make an appointment with your healthcare provider to specifically discuss your headache problem, seek a diagnosis and develop a treatment plan.

The National Headache Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving headache sufferers, their families and the healthcare providers who treat them; promoting research into headache causes and treatments; and educating the public to the fact that headaches are a legitimate biological disease and sufferers should receive understanding and continuity of care.

For more information on headache causes and treatments, visit the National Headache Foundation Web site at [www.headaches.org](http://www.headaches.org) or call 1-888-NHF-5552.

## Moraine Valley to offer spring computer maintenance courses

Need to upgrade your computer to handle some new software -- or maybe learn how a computer works or how to make some basic repairs? Moraine Valley Community College will offer several noncredit courses in computer maintenance this spring.

**How to Clean and Repair Your PC** will be offered from 9:00 am to 10:30 am Saturday, March 10th. This one day course will be held at the Gerald R. Fogelson Family Technology Center on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

Students will learn to understand how the internal elements of their IBM or compatible computers work, and how to do basic cleaning repairs. The cost is \$20.

**How to Upgrade Your PC** also will meet from 10:30 am to noon Saturday, March 10th. This one day course will be held at the Gerald R. Fogelson Family Technology Center on campus. The cost is \$20.

For more information call (708) 974-5735. To register, call the Admissions, Records and Registration Office at (708) 974-2110.

## Moraine Valley dean honored for long time service to students

Since Moraine Valley opened its doors in 1968, Irene Brodie has devoted her ample skills as a teacher and administrator to students and the college. That commitment continued on the eve of her retirement last month.

Vernon O. Crawley, college president, announced on December 20 at the Board of Trustees meeting that Brodie, dean of Developmental Education, is donating \$100,000 to Moraine Valley to continue programs and services.

"We thank Dr. Brodie for her years of service to the college, her advocacy for minority students, her ability to inspire her staff, and her continuing contributions to foster the academic readiness and success of its students," President Crawley said. "We are proud of you."

The Board also showed its appreciation to Brodie's donation and outstanding service to Moraine Valley and unanimously approved naming the Academic Skills Center, which she created in 1970, in honor of her.

"We are extremely pleased with this gift," said

John J. Daley, board chairman. "Irene's devotion to this college and to our students is greatly appreciated. She has been here since the beginning and that should also tell you volumes of what she has meant to this institution and what the college has meant to her."

Dean Brodie also was honored at the board meeting as one of 12 retirees who conclude their Moraine Valley careers this month.

She joined the college as a reading instructor. During the next decade, in response to the needs of many struggling students who were attending the school, Dr. Brodie wrote a comprehensive developmental education curriculum, realizing that adult learners needed more than one reading class to prepare themselves for the rigors of the college. Consequently, the Academic Skills Center was established as the place to go to master basic skills or to seek assistance with other coursework. Over the years, the center became a hub for student support activities, providing tutoring, computer assisted instruc-

tion, support students with learning disabilities, adult basic education, GED ESL, the Intensive English Language Program, the Public Assistance Coordination Program, and the Literacy Volunteer Program in addition to courses in reading, math, study skills, and English. Dr. Brodie was appointed dean in 1984. In the following years, the number of staff members providing instruction, programs, and services has grown to more than 85. In addition, to her administrative responsibilities, Dr. Brodie, a true role model for her faculty, continued her commitment to student learning by teaching developmental writing classes every semester.

For more information, phone Mark Horstmeyer, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275.

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Trinity Christian College invites the public to submit written comments about the College in preparation for its evaluation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, its regional accrediting agency. Trinity will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit on March 26-28, 2001 by a team representing the North Central Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. The College has been accredited by the Commission since 1976. If anyone would like to submit written comments which address "matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs," please send a signed statement to the above address.

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Helen Socha, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Founders Bank, has announced the appointment of Rick J. Del Grosso to Mortgage Loan Officer. Del Grosso brings 15 years of experience in banking and sales.

Del Grosso's new responsibilities will involve originating loans for new customers. "In my experience, generating loans for new customers results from provid-

ing the best customer service and Founders Bank definitely provides quality customer service," said Del Grosso. Del Grosso will be working at the Oak Lawn facility.

Del Grosso has attended numerous bank educational seminars and classes. He resides in Frankfort with his son and daughter where he enjoys bowling, golf, and other various sports.

Founders Bank has offices in Worth, Mount Greenwood, Oak Lawn, Palos Heights, Tinley Park, Plainfield, Minooka, Channahon and will open its ninth and tenth office soon in Homer Township and Orland Park.

## Online tax forms now available

Looking for tax forms? It's a snap when you visit the 2000 Federal and State Income Tax Forms page of the Oak Lawn Public Library web site ([www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us)). Internet users may link up to the official sites with federal, Illinois and out of state tax forms and publications.

For those who do not have a home computer, the library's Reference Department, second floor, offers nine Internet access computer for public use by adults, high school age and up. Two computers require reservations for 60 minute periods. The other seven workstations are dedicated to walk up use, limited to 30 minutes. All internet users must have basic computer skills. Staff will provide limited assistance. To make a reservation for Internet use, call (708) 422-4990.

The library also provides a selection of basic federal and Illinois state income tax forms through April 15. Please note

that all tax forms and publications do not come in all at once. Additional federal forms arrive daily. State forms are expected in February. You may pick up forms self serve in the library's Raymond Avenue entryway or use the reproducible forms kept in 3 ring binders near each copy machine. Photocopies cost 10 cents each. Patrons are asked to be considerate and take no more than two of any item.

## Disney Quest

Do you have cabin fever? If the answer is yes then experience the newest craze in Chicago on Friday, February 16th; Disney Quest. This is a complete interactive computer generated theme park. The trip includes motorcoach and admission. Admission is unlimited play on attractions and video games from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm, plus 40 complimentary points for prize play games. For more information please call (708) 599-2070.

## UTC disappointed by FCC refusal to preempt state law

The United Telecom Council (UTC), a global trade association for utilities, pipelines, and other critical infrastructure companies, was disappointed by the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) refusal to preempt a state law prohibiting Missouri's municipally owned utilities from providing telecommunications services or facilities.

In a Memorandum Opinion and Order (MO&O) issued on January 12, the FCC held that under Missouri law

municipal utilities are political subdivisions of the state and therefore subject to state restrictions that bar them from offering telecommunications. The Missouri law runs counter to federal language that protects "any entity" seeking to offer telecommunications services.

"We are disappointed that the FCC decided to preserve restrictions that deprive Missourians of the services they want, from businesses with which they're familiar," said UTC Vice President and

General Counsel Jill Lyon. "This is one instance where the Commission has definitely not acted in favor of competition or service to underserved areas." In 1998, UTC filed comments with the FCC supporting more than 600 municipalities and 60 municipal electric utilities, collectively the Missouri Municipals, arguing that municipal utilities may have an "independent corporate existence and undertake nongovernmental, proprietary functions." Despite the fact that "political subdivision" is not defined in the Missouri Constitution, the FCC still designated the group as such, based only on state tax policies.

UTC will continue its ef-

orts to support the entrance of municipally-owned utilities into the competitive telecommunications market.

For more information, contact UTC Public Relations Manager Makita Weaver at (202) 872-0030 ext. 206.

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- ☐ More than 1 time a week  
☐ 1 - 2 times a week  
☐ 1 - 2 times a month

Where do you do most of the non-grocery shopping for your household?

- ☐ Mall  
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What Malls do you shop at? (check all that apply)

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☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following kinds of stores would you like to see in Evergreen Plaza? (Please rank in order of preference, 1 being most desirable)

- ☐ Kitchen wares  
☐ Sportswear

(Continued at top of next column)

- ☐ Stationery/cards  
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☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If you were a Montgomery Wards customer, what kind of merchandise did you buy there? (Please place in order of the amount purchased, 1 being the type of merchandise you bought most often at Wards)

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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

## Talk of recession overblown

by Matt Mayer

On December 19th, then President elect George Bush met in Washington with then President Clinton and Al Gore. Bush made a statement at this meeting, that he had foreseen a recession coming and if it does, he has a plan -- his tax cut. What struck me as ironic, was while Bush was pessimistic on the economy, Clinton remained positive and shrugged off any notion that a recession was on the horizon. Perhaps the President elect wanted to mention early on that he thought the country was headed for a recession, for fear his administration would be blamed if a recession were to occur on his watch -- as did occur during several of his Republican predecessor's administrations, including one in 1990-1991 when then President George Bush, senior, was in office.

President Bush has hit the ground running from the first day of his administration, which created a frenzy of headlines, announcing his programs sent to congress, one of which is his coveted \$1.6 trillion tax cut program. Along with Bush remaining pessimistic in regards to the economy and talk of recession, the following events have occurred, giving his tax cut a boost. January 25, Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Chairman, had a change of view and gave his blessings to a tax cut. January 31, the Fed. cut short term interest rates by a half point, which matched the surprise half -- point cut policy makers made on January 3 -- creating a full percentage point in less than a month. The expected surplus over the next decade hit \$5.6 trillion. The increased January unemployment figure of 4.2%. The media laden with announcements of massive lay-offs and sensationalizing these announcements along with massive recession media attention.

Opponents say the tax cuts would not be an instant economic solution. The tax cuts would not be felt until

2002. Opponents also are concerned the tax cut could lead to soaring budget deficits when Ronald Reagan was President. Deficits such as the 1981 tax cut did. Presidential scholar Robert Dallek was quoted saying "That the exploding budget deficits of Reagan's tenure, fueled by sweeping tax cuts during his first year in office, have been eliminated with the deficit -- reduction efforts of Bush and Clinton -- along with unexpected productivity gains that have been driven up tax revenue." Also in 1981, the tax cut was targeted primarily toward the wealthy. In regards to President Bush's tax cut program one must wonder how much this tax cut would help John Q. Citizen.

What has been reported as one main priority of the tax cut, is to repeal the estate tax. The pitch here is that every year family business's are lost, due to their heirs having to pay the nicknamed death tax. Opponents claim, however, that the economy has created more individual wealth than any other time in history and the amount of beneficiaries of the repeal of the estate tax is unknown. Also the concern is who will pick up the short fall. It has also been reported that tax cuts such as, the marriage penalty tax would have to wait until later.

In a USA Today sampling of the previous GOP sponsored bill -- which Congress passed and then President Clinton vetoed to reduce taxes by \$792 billion over ten years. The article revealed that tucked among the cuts for individuals are tax law changes that benefit narrow interests ranging from big oil companies to department store chains to chicken producers and sea play passengers the article revealed some tax breaks won for constituents:

Some beneficiaries of this tax cut included:

Exxon and other multinational oil producers by repealing tax credit rules for foreign oil and gas income;

this equaled a 1.2 billion loss in revenue a year, as of 2009. (Chief sponsor Rep. Bill Archer R-Texas). Nordstrom and other department store chains by allowing retailers to receive tax exempt subsidies from developers for anchoring shopping centers; this equaled a \$166 million loss over 10 years. (Chief sponsor Rep. Jennifer R. Wash.). Chicken producers particularly those in the mid-Atlantic region by providing a tax credit for electrically produced from poultry waste; this equaled a \$84 million loss over 4 years. (Chief sponsor Senator William Roth R-Delaware).

Passengers on sea planes mostly in Alaska and Washington state by exempting small seaplanes from the 8% aviation ticket tax which equaled a \$11 million loss over 10 years (Chief sponsor Senator Frank Murkowski R-Alaska). Plano molding Co., Plano, IL and other manufacturers of tackle boxes by repealing the 10% excise tax on fishing -- tackle boxes which equaled \$3 million loss a year. (Chief sponsor House Speaker Dennis Hastart R-IL).

Government numbers out Wednesday, January 30th, have confirmed the slowing trend in the economy which was negatively reported. Showing that the economy grew at an annual rate of only 1.4% during the last three months of 2000. The 1.4% rate was reported to be down sharply from the 5.2% growth in the first half of 2000.

The significant fact that has been virtually ignored here is that the economy did grow in the last three months of 2000. A recession is described as two quarters of negative growth in the GDP, which measures all goods and services produced by workers and capital located in United States regardless of ownership. Also many economists are saying that the massive number of announced layoffs -- may not be what the country will ac-

tually see. Many of the projected lay offs are over several years and several companies would be able to handle a large number of job losses through attrition. One company cited as an example by economists is Chrysler due to an aging work force.

It's imperative that a positive economic prospective be maintained. Yes one job loss is one too many. However the country has seen unprecedented economic growth over the last eight years of the gross domestic product. The latest interest rate cuts came after the Fed's policy makers raised interest rates six times in the past 18 months -- to starve off an acceleration of inflation.

Economist's views differ on the issue of recession, with the general consensus being the economy is in a slowdown -- even a return to normalcy, with some of the slow down coming from market saturation, such as in the computer and cell phone industry. Also most executives and economists have their own personal indicators that allow them to take the measure of the economy beyond the government facts and figures. And those private assessments, they say, point to a slowdown not a recession. Also the amount of money which is set aside to pay skyrocketing natural gas, heating oil and gasoline prices is unknown, which could be contributing to slower growth of the GDP. Another area of the economic slow down is in internet businesses. The fading of the dot coms, which turned out to be cash burning companies fueled by worthless stock options, along with very little attention paid to customer service enabling them to meet demand.

The economy has grown to stratospheric heights; which were felt from wall street to main street. Creating an unprecedented amount of wealth along with an unprecedented tight labor market. For one to believe the

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Pictured from the left is Officer Crouchelli and to the right Officer Murphy.

## Fraternal Order of Police Distinguished Service Award

President William Nolan, with the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7, presented the Distinguished Service Award to Officers William Murphy and Thomas Crouchelli, both with the 8th District, at their meeting on January 16.

While working on the Beat 853, on June 15, 1999, Police Officer William Murphy and his partner Police Officer Thomas Crouchelli, observed a man placing a semi automatic pistol in his waistband. Officer Murphy began to chase the offender while Officer Crouchelli cut off all avenues of escape. The offender attempted to slow Officer Murphy down by pointing his gun at him. The chase continued and the officer tackled the offender to the ground. The offender jumped up and attempted to flee but Officer Murphy grabbed his leg. The offender raised his gun at Officer Murphy's head, but he grabbed the offender's hand with the gun in it. The offender pulled the trigger in an attempt to shoot the officer, but Officer Murphy was able to defeat him by forcing his finger in the trigger guard. Officer Crouchelli came to the aid of Officer Murphy who was lying on his back fighting off the offender. Officer Crouchelli tackled the offender and placed him in custody.

President Nolan stated, "As a result of excellent po-

lice work, dedication and attentive duty, and the disregard for their personal safety in a life threatening situation, Officers Murphy and Crouchelli are hereby awarded the Fraternal Order of Police Award of Distinguished Service."



Radogno to serve as Vice Chairwoman of Commerce and Industry

State Senator Christine Radogno will serve as Vice Chairwoman of the Senate Commerce and Industry Committee considers legislation affecting the business and labor communities.

"Attracting business to Illinois is very important in keeping our economy strong and on track," said Radogno (R-LaGrange). "I look forward to serving on this important committee as well as the complex issues that await our attention."

Aside from serving on the Commerce and Industry Committee, Radogno will serve on three other important committees. Radogno will serve on the Senate Appropriations, Public Health and Welfare and Revenue Committees.



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Pictured from left to right is Arthur Peterson, Master Blender for Seagram's VO Gold, and Daniel Cholewiak, Grand Prize winner of the Seagram's sweepstakes.

## Palos Hills resident enjoys a night out with Seagram

by Annette Dixon

If four limos and twenty of your best friends is not enough to enjoy an evening out then add a \$1,000 check and a Master Blender of Seagram's VO and VO Gold.

On Saturday, January 20th, 2001, Daniel Cholewiak with his wife Susan invited 20 of their friends for dinner, cocktails, VO and VO Gold Whiskey tasting, at the House of Hughes in Crestwood.

Daniel, an eight year resident of Palos Hills was mailed a direct mail marketing piece from Seagram's. In April, John Hartrey, Global Marketing for Seagram's, designed a new marketing approach other than the usual 2 oz. whiskey glasses or pourers as gifts, it was a sweepstake titled "Have a drink with Arthur."

Out of 40,000 plus applicants, Daniel Cholewiak was the first of four winners throughout the U.S. to receive the Grand Prize dinner with 20 of his friends along with Arthur Peterson.

The exciting news was to have Arthur Peterson of Montreal, Canada describe his job as Master Blender!

He introduced Seagram's VO Gold in a way that was most exciting, an experience unknown to most drinkers! There were eight sniffers with two Base Whiskey, a Canadian Bourbon Whiskey, Canadian Rye Whiskey, Canadian Rye Distillate, Seagram's VO and Seagram's VO Gold with 20% alcohol and VO Gold with 40% alcohol. All whiskey was aged for 8 years and all present were interested in trying the taste demonstration.

Arthur Peterson was so excited when he joined Daniel and Susan and their guests, he exclaimed, "It's the first time I'm joining a party with ex-football players." Daniel stated that he and his friends were semi pro football players. He also stated many of his friends graduated from Oak Lawn High School.

At the end of the evening, all in attendance received a complimentary autographed bottle of Seagram's VO Gold labeled Mr. Daniel Cholewiak, Grand Prize Winner in the VO Gold "Drink with Arthur" Sweepstakes January 20, 2001.

## Palos Hills Parks Department events

The Recreation Department is offering a trip to the Grand Victoria Casino on Thursday, February 22. Transportation leaves the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd Street, at 10:45 am and returns at 6:15 pm. The fee is \$10.00 per person (transportation and buffet lunch included). Register now at the Palos Hills Park Department. For information call 430-4500.

Classes are being offered in landscape watercolor painting. Classes will start Wednesday, February 21 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Beginning and intermediate students, ages 18 years and older are welcome. Fee for residents is \$32.00, non residents is \$37.00. Register at the Park Department.

An Art Therapy class will be held on Monday, February 26 from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm. This class will analyze your drawings to help reveal the hidden meaning. No artistic ability needed. Ages 18 years and older are welcome. Fee for residents is \$10.00, non residents is \$15.00. Register now at the Park Department.

## Palos Hills offers trip to Grand Victoria Casino

The Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department, at 8455 West 103rd Street, is offering a trip to the Grand Victoria Casino in Elgin Thursday, February 22. Come enjoy the Las Vegas style setting in your own backyard.

Registration is being taken at the Palos Hills Community Center at 8455 W. 103rd Street. If there are any questions please call (708) 430-4500.

## Judge to investigate Stewart legal bills

By F.J. Soczek

A court clerk held open the gate as a gaunt and emaciated Robert Stewart slowly approached the bench of Judge James Stack.

Stewart, who was recently hospitalized for injuries sustained after falling on the ice, used a collapsible walker to steady his gait. In the lobby, a sheriff's deputy thoughtfully provided a wheelchair after observing his plight.

Stewart was summoned to the Bridgeview courthouse January 31 to attend a judicial "review" of the voluminous legal bills and related costs relating to the demolition of his home in Worth.

State law allows those who prevail in such matters to recover their "costs" from the defendant.

On November 29th, Village of Worth attorney Donna McDonald presented to Stewart in court an envelope containing 84 pages of "itemized" fees, totaling over \$75,000 which she filed with the court that morning.

Noting the size of the file and the substantial amount of the demand, Stack continued the matter two months, apparently to review the bills.

Apparently Stack postponed hearing the Stewart case until all other matters pending before him were adjudicated.

The room, normally filled with attorneys and their clients, was virtually empty.

All who remained were Robert Stewart and his wife Carol. And three reporters.

Observing Stewart's struggle to gain his composure, Stack cleared a space on the bench to spread out the sheaf of papers, clutched by the anguished defendant in hopeless disarray.

It was then that the Judge

made a rather startling pronouncement.

He had carefully read the Odelson & Sterk bills and found them to be in order.

Curtly, he asked Stewart for specific objections to the billing.

Documents were scattered across the bench. For the confused and disoriented Stewart (and perhaps Stack as well) it was an exercise in futility.

"Start from the beginning," Stack ordered, his patience appearing to wane as the lunch hour drew closer.

McDonald had failed to number the pages.

And the "itemized" billing statements were more often than not oblique and vague. "Conference with Mr. Stewart and Joe Johnson," \$57.50.

"Research regarding demolition suit, telephone conference with Clerk Miller," \$230.00.

Donna McDonald billed Robert Stewart \$977.50 for 8.5 hours of work drafting and revising a "proposed temporary restraining order." McDonald's billing documentation fails to note the particular time and date the "restraining order" was actually filed.

On September 15, 1999, Robert Stewart was charged \$172.50 for an unrelated police case involving the Village of Worth.

On October 25, 1999, Stewart was charged \$57.50 for a "conference regarding union negotiations."

On November 22, 1999, Stewart was charged \$46.00 for a "phone conversation regarding a Village street ordinance."

On November 30, 1999, Stewart was charged \$172.50 for a Freedom of Information Request "conference" involving an unrelated Worth resident.

He was also charged for "preparation of a memorandum to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District."

He was charged to "review (unnamed) lease provisions" involving the Village.

"I Object, Your Honor," McDonald sternly intoned when Carol Stewart offered to help her husband assemble the documents in proper sequence.

The sheer volume and complexity of the filing was beginning to take its toll. A court clerk brought out a tray of sandwiches, but quickly realized it was not quite the proper place for a snack.

Stewart asked about his garage, which was demolished along with his home.

There was apparently nothing wrong with the garage.

"That matter is not before me," the Judge retorted.

"And where are my construction tools and belongings that were in the garage," Stewart once again innocently inquired.

Stack gave the same response.

"Mr. Stewart, you have to follow the rules."

A frustrated Stewart told the Judge what he could do with his rules.

But the Judge did not find the commentary very amusing.

Clearly, it was time for yet another continuance.

Shortly thereafter, a rather strange turn of events occurred.

Judge Stack called Stewart where he thought he would be staying and ordered him to appear in his courtroom Friday morning, February 2, over a month before the scheduled hearing on March 9th.

There was no formal notice or summons. Just a phone message to appear.

As it turns out, Stack now wants to conduct an "evidentiary hearing" regarding the Odelson & Sterk billing.

Fees and "costs" which

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## Evergreen Park applies for CDBG grant money

by Jude Coyle

It's that time of the year that municipalities decide on what projects need to be addressed in the upcoming year, and which fall under the auspices of the Cook County Block Grant Program. An open meeting to discuss the application of Block Grants was conducted during the February 5, 2001 Meeting of the Evergreen Park Board of Trustees. According to Engineer Robert Boehm, the only area in the Village to still qualify is between 93rd and 87th, from Kedzie to the Canadian National Tracks. This might change next year when the new census numbers are available.

CDBG grants allow municipalities to make improvements in areas where 40% or more of the residents are in the lower income bracket, by offering grants that match municipalities, dollar for dollar on approved projects. These improvements can include construction or reconstruction of Public Works, lighting, streets, sewers, parks and playground facilities.

With that in mind, Mr. Boehm suggested that the next project should be to install lights in Firehouse Park on 87th and Kedzie. There is limited lighting in the parking lot, and about the new skating rink. Floodlights about the ball fields and the parking lots would be very expensive, yet very useful. Trustees agreed.

On the same subject, Valencia Whitely, C.E.O. of Genesis Place, spoke. This is an assisted living facility for low to moderate income seniors. It is located at 2701 W. 95th Street, and is a non profit organization. Under an-

other set of guidelines, and in spite of the fact that they are not located within that small area Mr. Boehm had outlined earlier, they can also apply directly to Cook County for a CDBG grant.

Mr. Boehm spoke glowingly of the facility. Ms. Whitely and associates had taken over the Powers Retirement Home two years earlier. With a HUD grant, they rehabbed the facilities. The CDBG grant will pay salaries. According to Ms. Whitely, Cook County requires her to keep the Village informed of their plans and their needs.

Genesis Place provides a home and meals for seniors who need an extra hand, but are not ready for a nursing home. According to Ms. Whitely, residents are free to come and go as they wish. Attendants provide support services, like housekeeping, laundry, checking on benefits and reminders about taking medication.

## Oak Lawn Village Board Meeting

Editorial by: F.J. Soczek

Continuing a time-honored, Oak Lawn Village tradition, a perfunctory photo-op, "swearing-in," ceremony involving two new full time Oak Lawn Police Officers was conducted Tuesday night amidst the pomp and "well wishes" of the Mayor and Board of Trustees.

Village Clerk A. Jayne Powers asked newly hired Police Patrol Officers Deborah Kosaka and William Bodnar to raise their right hands and swear under oath they would perform their jobs to the best of their abilities.

And swear they did.

Mr. Boehm updated the Board about earlier applications for CDBG projects. Village has received the go ahead from Cook County on the Phase III of the Luminaire Project. This is for new lighting between 91st and 94th, from the Grand Trunk and Kedzie. They will be going bid soon. The Village previously ran into problems with Phase II when the newly installed lights burned 24 hours a day. This has been corrected.

The 91st Street project, which is street and sewer work from the CSX tracks to Western has encountered one more hitch. IDOT is concerned that they will not be able to obtain necessary signatures from the CSX in time for the scheduled bid letting. For that reason, the letting has been pushed back from 3/9 until 4/27. In all, the Village has lost about six weeks of work on this.

Another full-time officer, replete with bullet-proof vest and requisite, state-of-the-art automatic weaponry duly recorded for posterity the solemn occasion with his 35mm SLR camera.

Only, his camera flash wasn't functioning very well.

After symbolically bowing to the applause of sundry family members and at least six members of the audience, the new police officers quickly found their way to the door.

Without exhibiting the least bit of *decorum* or *courtesy* by remaining at least until the Village meeting was concluded.



Past President Doris Marks of Park Lawn Association congratulates Chuck Dinolfo of Century 21 Pro Team on becoming the new president of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce at the organization's Year 2001 Installation Dinner on Saturday, January 20th.

## New president of Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Year 2001 Installation Dinner -- held Saturday, January 20th, at the Hilton of Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. -- was attended by more than 200 local dignitaries and business people. A cocktail reception started the evening off at 6:30 pm, followed by an installation program of board members at 7:30 pm and dinner at 8:00 pm.

Oak Lawn Mayor Ernie Kolb served as the installation official. Other local officials in attendance included Oak Lawn Village Clerk Jayne Powers, Oak Lawn Park District Maddie Kelly and Oak Lawn Library Board Member Joann Buschbach.

During the installation, Chuck Dinolfo of Century 21 Pro Team was inducted as the new president of the Chamber's Executive Board, replacing Doris Marks of Park Lawn Association. Also inducted to the Executive Board were: Pat Nienhaus, Oak Lawn Care Station (first vice president); David Kobak, Blake Lamb Funeral Home (second vice president); Anne Marie Casey, Annie's Ltd. (secretary); and Leo Gutchewsky, Century 21 Accent (treasurer).

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But it was *only* a meeting, they no doubt reasoned. Indeed.

Those half-dozen individuals were *only* discussing events that would possibly impact *their* lives.

Or maybe the lives of some untold soul they had just sworn to God they would serve.

But maybe they had to be on *duty*. Immediately.

Perhaps. Attend *any* Village Board meeting whenever a new police or fire officer is hired or existing officer is promoted.

The scenario remains the same.

I defy anyone to show me a single case where a *new hire* (or promotion, for that matter) had the common *decency* to stick around and hear what his (or her) employers had to say concerning the common, day to day events involving their *job*.

God forbid a mishap should occur when a *firefighter* is hired or promoted.

There is SRO (Standing Room Only) in the meeting room during one of *these* rituals.

For 5 minutes, anyway. So, what's the point?

I guess it boils down to a single word.

*Respect.*

You can sense it (or lack thereof) as you sit patiently and quietly at the Village Board meetings.

A loud tumultuous commotion emanates outside the meeting room doors.

Seems it's the people who just left, following the "swearing in" or "promotion" within the police or fire dept.

But what are they so excited and ebullient about? I don't know.

But I'm sure it's *not* about you or me.

Otherwise, they would be in the meeting room.

Listening to what the concerned citizens of the Village have on their minds.

In retrospect, the blame for this seemingly callous indifference deserves to be *shared*.

Clearly in each situation, the *supervisor* ultimately responsible sits on the sidelines in silent affectation, oblivious to any perceived aberration.

The Police Chief. The Fire Chief.

Or even one of the esteemed Village officials.

Which one would dare have the courage to say to the fleeing civil servant, "Excuse me, but we are not yet finished... what specifically requires the urgency of your hasty departure?"

The noisy crowd in the hallway can surely wait.

For another half-hour, anyway.



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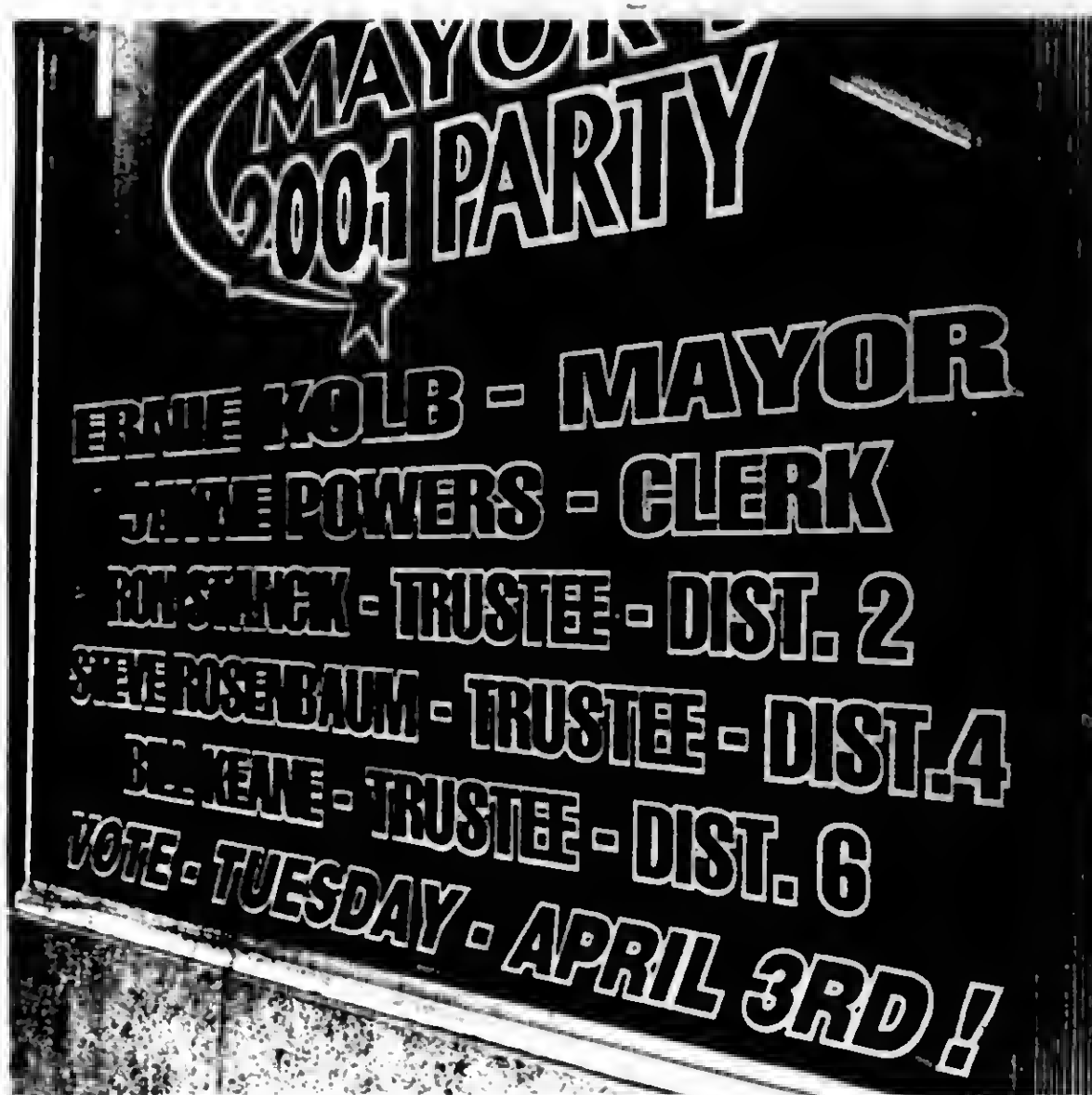
Auto damage, property damage, personal injury and water damage all can occur while driving your vehicle on city streets during the winter as the asphalt buckles causing potholes due to temperature changes. Claim forms to receive compensation by the City of Chicago on any of these four issues are available at City Clerk Jim Laski's satellite office at 5301 South Cicero, or at City Hall. Alderman Michael Zalewski (23) recently said street improvements here will start soon. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)

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## Press conference for Oak Lawn's Mayor's 2001 Party

by Frank Soczek

The Oak Lawn Mayor's 2001 Party held a press conference Friday morning, February 9th at their headquarters located at 5309 W. 95th Street.

The former "Coalition" party, sporting a new name, re-introduced a slate of familiar faces and presented a brief synopsis of their past accomplishments and future aspirations for the Village of Oak Lawn.

Local businessman J. Quinn Mucker introduced the five candidates, whose combined tenure approaches close to a century of community service. Fourth district Trustee Steven Rosenbaum is running unopposed.

Mucker noted the Village employs 401 full time employees and 83 part-time employees. He lavished praise upon the police and fire departments, and proclaimed the public works employees "unsung heroes."

Party patriarch Mayor Ernest Kolb, who has served the Village continuously since becoming Village Clerk in 1964, modestly downplayed his accomplishments and the accolades of his peers. "I am who I am," the Mayor replied. "I've lived in Oak Lawn for over 50 years and I want to make it my home forever."

Kolb praised the high ratings of the police and fire departments, as well as the emergency dispatch center. He noted he would strive toward a "continuous commitment to community service."

Kolb explained proposed improvements to Village infrastructure include resurfacing of side streets, improved sewers, additional street lighting, as well as new decorative lighting on 95th Street.

Kolb commended the sound financial acumen of Village finance directors by noting recent triple A municipal bond ratings.

The Mayor also promised ongoing attention to the commercial development of 95th Street, explaining sales tax revenues now exceed over one million dollars each month.

Kolb stressed his personal involvement in the community will not diminish. "I will always be available."

Village Clerk A. Jayne Powers compared her position to the "town criers" of days past.

Elected six times, Powers proclaimed, "I love my job, the people, the Village. We are a team, and we're running on our record."

Trustee Ron Stancik also drew upon his political longevity. This is "my seventh time," he noted.

Stancik courted the predominantly union workforce with assurances of "justly deserved salary increases."

Stancik was the first Trustee to regularly schedule time for the concerns of his constituents with his "Trustee Is In" program, noting what once began as a "gripe" session has evolved into a creative, problem solving endeavor.

Stancik spoke of beautifying the Village with

landscaping ordinances and the hiring of a full time forester to monitor tree planting and maintenance.

Stancik told of his ongoing struggle with Commonwealth Edison to monitor the aging electrical supply infrastructure.

He also spoke how the new commuter parking lots attracted "quality" people to the Village.

On a more discordant note, Stancik took issue with those whom he called the FOB or "Friends of Bob (Streit)," his frequent nemesis on the Village Board.

At issue was Stancik's apparent concern Streit wielded undue influence over one of the school boards as "a (school board President) Jerry Vahl surrogate."

Trustee Steven Rosenbaum, the newest member of the party, was "positive and upbeat" in describing his relationship with his co-members.

Clearly a welcome addition to the group, Rosenbaum's record of being a "peacemaker" during bitter, partisan disputes perhaps bespeaks of why he is running unopposed.

Trustee William Keane focused on the community spirit of the Village, with its special events and emphasis on "hometown flavor."

Keane also alluded to future "grand plans" involving the re-development of the K-Mart property, the 54th Ave. and 95th Street parcel, as well as the previously purchased Sweeney Bldg. at 96th & Cook Ave.



### William Nolan retired from the Chicago Police Department

William J. Nolan, President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7, has retired from the Chicago Police Department after 41 years of dedicated service. At the time of his retirement he was a detective with the department. The new law, now in effect, states that Chicago Police Officers must retire after age 63, forcing Nolan to retire at the end of 2000.

Nolan has been a member of The Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7 since it was chartered in 1963. He served on the F.O.P. Negotiating Team that negotiated the first contract with the City of Chicago, and has served on subsequent teams.

From 1981 to 1993 he was Treasurer of Chicago Lodge #7. In March of 1993 he was elected to his first term as president, reelected in 1996 and again in 1999.

President Nolan has many accomplishments. He served four, two year terms as National Treasurer, is Vice Chairman on the Board of Directors of the Chicago Easter Seal Society, is a member of the Advisory Board of Saint Mary of Nazareth Hospital Center and was named "Man of the Year," by the Emerald Society of Illinois in 1990. He received the President's Award from the Retired Police Officers Association in 1996, and was named "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year," by the Illinois State Crime Commission in 1997.

A retirement party will be held on Friday, March 2, at the Fountain Blue Restaurant in Des Plaines. We are happy to report that the event was sold out during the first week.

President Nolan has stated he will complete his term as the President of F.O.P., Chicago Lodge #7, which will end next year on April 1, 2002.





L to R - Commander Stachon Auxiliary President Ruth Sorgenfrei  
James Schultz VOD Chairman Bob Bridgeman

## Local VFW honors student in scholarship contest

Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220 proudly announces their annual voice of democracy college scholarship winner. The winning entry was James E. Schultz, Oak Lawn, a graduating senior, attending

Harold Richards High School. Schultz has won a U. S. Savings Bond from, both the VFW Post 5220 and the VFW Third District, as well as a Certificate of Merit and a 1st Place medal medallion.

This accomplishment has earned Schultz the opportunity to participate in the State VFW Third District finals to be held in Springfield on February 10, 2001. In Springfield, should he win, he would advance to the national finals to be held in Washington, D.C. The theme for this year was "What Price Freedom." "Post 5220 takes pride in providing the opportunity

## Lipinski supports a bill to help reduce the price of natural gas

Congressman Bill Lipinski announced his cosponsorship of legislation to help reduce the price of natural gas. H. R. 245, the Natural Gas Reserve Act of 2001, would create a reserve which can be drawn upon when there is a supply shortage similar to the one that the United States is currently experiencing.

for students to pursue a truly higher education," said Joseph Stachon Post 5220 Commander. "VFW feels strongly that young people who formulate a solid understanding of democracy can become effective as future leaders." The Voice of Democracy is VFW's premier youth activity.

Also, this is the second year Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220 is sponsoring four \$1,000.00 dollar scholarships to outstanding high school and college students from the community.

"I am extremely alarmed by the outrageous prices that Americans are having to pay for natural gas in order to stay warm this winter," Lipinski said. "The elderly and low income and working class families are especially vulnerable during this natural gas price spike. The natural gas reserve would help protect American consumers from future national shortages and high prices."

Patterned after the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and the Northeast Home Heating Reserve, the Natural Gas Reserve would enable the federal government to buy natural gas when supplies are inexpensive and abundant, and then make it available in times of shortage. The legislation would give the Secretary of Energy the authority to determine the size of the reserve. The Secretary would also be authorized to sell oil from the Strategic Petroleum

Reserve in order to cover the acquisition and administration costs of the national gas reserve.

The Department of Energy is predicting that this could be the most expensive winter for heating bills in fifteen years for natural gas. Factors that may have contributed to decreased natural gas supplies and increased demand include: decreased drilling activity in 1998 and 1999, colder than normal weather, and the increased use of natural gas for electric generation.

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## New committee to address concerns of disabled community

State Representative Jim Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) has been appointed chairman of the newly formed House Committee on the Disabled Community for the 92nd General Assembly. One of the General Assembly's leading advocate's for those with disabilities, Brosnahan is now in a position to implement reforms addressing the needs of the disabled in the State of Illinois.

"This leadership role will allow me to continue working to enhance the quality of life of individuals with disabilities," stated Brosnahan. "As Chairman, I will do my part to ensure that the state legislature meets its responsibility to thoughtfully consider the needs of his population."

The House of Disabled Community Committee was formed to address issues affecting those with disabilities. Specifically, the committee will act to seek compliance with Olmstead v. L.C., a recent Supreme Court Decision requiring states to provide the disabled with services in a community setting and prohibiting unnecessary institutionalization. The new house committee will consider legislative measures aimed at ensuring the state's

compliance with the Olmstead decision.

"The way in which this committee addresses the Supreme Court's decision will have a great impact on the type of services our state provides to the developmentally disabled, as well as the availability of those services," said Brosnahan. "With this ruling, we have a unique opportunity to reassess the needs of the developmentally disabled, and to allow them to more freely choose the type of care they receive."

Rep. Brosnahan officially began his chairmanship when the committee met for the first time on Wednesday. He has also been appointed Vice Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee on Criminal Law, and will serve on the Constitutional Officers Committee, Judiciary Committee on Civil Law, and Transportation and Motor Vehicles Committee. Brosnahan is beginning his third term as Representative of the 36th District.

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## Beverly Montessori School hosts annual open house

Beverly Montessori School will be holding its annual Open House on Sunday, February 25th from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. All are welcome to come see the school, and learn how a Montessori classroom functions. We also encourage parents to make an appointment to observe existing classes. To schedule a date, please contact Linda Budewitz at (773) 239-7635.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day inspired all classes at BMS to learn about cultural awareness and Dr. King's message. In particular, the Southwest AM students made books telling the story of MLK, and the Southwest PM students thought of their own dreams to make the world a better place. Some children wished there was no fighting in the world, and others thought everyone should get along with one another regardless of skin color or nationality. The East Room AM students

are working with tasting experiences, including walnuts and scones. The East Room PM students are learning how to wash their own dishes by using a dish washing station set up in the classroom. The Fireplace AM students are making soap balls.

First, the children grate a bar of soap, and then they mix the grated soap and some water with their hands to make a ball. The soap balls are then used in the classroom for handwashing. Fireplace PM students worked on special projects for Groundhog's Day.

Director Virginia Maciulis is conducting the Early Childhood STEP (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) program, which began January 30th. This program is based on Adlerian Psychology and brings parents together to discuss child development, discipline and communication strategies.

## Dear Editor

Illinois businesses now have the power to choose their electric supplier. Provided through the Illinois Electric Service Customer Choice and Rate Relief Law, this power offers business customers choices, competitive prices and new services. Choice for all Illinois businesses marks Phase II of electric service restructuring in Illinois. Residential customers will enjoy the power of choice in the third phase, starting in May 2002.

Illinois business owners who do their homework can realize the benefits of choice. You have the ability to select a company that best fits your needs. It really helps to know your options. Understanding your choices enables you to make an educated decision for your business. You may choose to continue full service with your current electric utility. If this is your choice, you should contact your utility and explore ways to negotiate more favorable terms inquire about the availability of new services. You may be eligible to purchase electric power from your current utility through the Power Purchase Option, which provides power at market based prices. If you're ready to make a change, another electric utility or an alternative

retail electric supplier will serve as your source for electric power. The ICC's Plug in Illinois web site, <http://www.icc.state.il.us/pluginillinois>, includes a list of certified electric suppliers. You may also be able to assign your Power Purchase Option to another supplier. To determine the availability of this option and the potential for savings, contact eligible suppliers.

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Richard Mathias  
Illinois Commerce  
Commission

## Radogno urges families to apply for College Illinois before deadline

Area families have the opportunity to prepay college tuition, but to lock in the current rates, State Senator Christine Radogno (R-LaGrange) said parents must apply this month.

The College Illinois program offers parents the option of prepaying college tuition at the current price. The program benefits are based on average costs at Illinois public institutions. Families can either pay a lump sum payment or installments beginning May 1, 2001. The deadline for locking in the current tuition rate is February 28, 2001.

"The earlier families enroll in this program, the more money they can save for future college expenses," Radogno said. "I encourage local families to seriously look into this program and to enroll before the February 28th deadline."

Radogno said that tuition and fees in Illinois have increased by about 6% in each of the last two years and College Illinois can help families avoid paying those increases.

"Who knows how expensive college will be in the next 10 or 15 years?" Radogno said. "A little planning now can make a

big difference in the future."

More information is available at [www.collegeillinois.com](http://www.collegeillinois.com) or by calling 1-877-877-3724.

## Landscape watercolor painting

Palos Hills Park & Recreation Department is offering classes in landscape watercolor painting. Classes

will start Wednesday, February 21 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Beginning and intermediate students, ages 18 years and older are welcome. Fee for residents is \$32.00, non-residents is \$37.00. Register at the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd Street. For more information call 430-4500.

## Little Company welcomes new board member

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is proud to announce the appointment of Sister Sharon Ann Walsh, L.C.M., to its Board of Directors.

In addition to her position on Little Company's board, Sister Sharon Ann has recently served as Assistant Congregational Leader and Congregational Treasurer of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary Generalate in Tooting Bec, London, England.

Sister Sharon Ann spoke of her appointment to the Board: "I feel my involvement with the Board in Evergreen Park is a natural extension of my many years of involvement with the Hospital as a Sister of the Little Company of Mary." All my past experiences, and my current experience as Hospital chaplain, contribute to my desire to serve as a Board Member to strategize in further meeting the needs of our patients, families and staff."

Sister Sharon Ann has a long and dedicated history with Little Company of Mary institutions worldwide. She served as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Little Company of Mary Hospital, a sister institution in

Torrance, California. When the California hospital joined San Pedro Peninsula hospital to form Little Company of Mary Health Services in September 1992, she continued to serve as Chairperson of the Board for this new entity until May 1993.

In addition, Sister Sharon Ann has held many positions with the American Province of the Little Company of Mary Sisters, including terms as Formation Director and as Provincial Superior.

"Healthcare faces increasing medical, legal and ethical challenges," Sister Sharon Ann concluded. "I look forward to facing these challenges in partnership with our present board members as we continue to serve our communities."

Sister received her nursing diploma from the Little Company of Mary Hospital School of nursing in 1962, and earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Iowa in 1969.

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## Dear Editor

Top Democrats, led by Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, have dropped the cordial bipartisanship of the past few weeks renew their class warfare attack, painting Bush's plan as tax cuts that will buy luxury cars for the rich and a mere muffler for the poor.

I'd like to know where Daschle buys \$1,600 mufflers, for that's the average tax cut for a family of four led by Joe Sixpack, who after he buys a muffler for the car he will use to take his family on a well earned vacation with the rest of the money, will return to his autoworker job building, uh, luxury cars. Perhaps Daschle knows people who work for a poor person. I don't.

According to data from the Internal Revenue Service and the Joint Committee on Taxation, the top 1 percent make 17 percent of the money but pay 33 percent of the income taxes. The top 5 percent make 33 percent of the money but pay 52 percent of the taxes. The bottom 50 percent pay just 5 percent of the taxes.

Daschle does not explain just how the "richest 1 percent" get there, of how more than 75 percent of them came from poor, lower, or middle

class families, according to a survey by Financial Market Research for the U.S. Trust Company, worked their way through college and spent an average of 56 hours a week on the job for an average 29 years.

A recent newspaper account told of the story of one of these success stories, Kim Jordan, who with her husband started a microbrewery in the basement of their home in Ft. Collins, Colorado, and has seen it grow, through a lot of long hours and a lot of hard work, into a company with 105 employees, all of whom can now afford mufflers for their cars, that produces 150,000 barrels of beer a year.

According to Tom Daschle these are evil people who must be punished for their success. Their money must be taken from them and given to people more deserving. They must be stopped before they buy a luxury car. Even if Joe Sixpack, who builds them, loses his job.

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# Doctors repairing abdominal aneurysms without surgery

Life threatening weaknesses in a major artery where it passes through the abdomen can often times be repaired with a new, non-surgical technique similar to the one used by cardiologists to open blocked heart arteries, according to physicians at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, IL.

"A problem that once required major surgery in the operating room can now be corrected with a relatively simple procedure, thereby reducing the risk of death to less than 1 percent and allowing the patient to go home on the same day following surgery or on the very next day," said Dr. Fred Leya, director of interventional cardiology at Loyola.

The non-surgical procedure is performed by heart specialists to treat aneurysms that occur in the aorta, the largest blood vessel in the body. The aorta extends down from the heart, passes

through the chest and abdomen and then divides to transport the blood to both legs. An aneurysm is a balloon shaped, blood filled sac that develops when an artery's walls become weak and begin to bulge. Aneurysms can occur in any of the aorta near the kidneys.

"If the walls of the aorta become weak, they will begin to stretch and swell as the heart pumps blood through the artery," Leya said. "If left untreated, this swelling, or aneurysm, can eventually rupture. Because of the aortic artery's size and its critical role as a major blood supply route for the body, a rupture will result in massive internal bleeding that can kill a patient within minutes."

Known medically as endovascular grafting, the non surgical technical to repair an abdominal aortic aneurysm requires the use of a catheter, which is inserted in the patient's leg artery and

moved up into the abdominal portion of the aortic artery where the aneurysm has developed.

Through the catheter, cardiologists are able to deliver a miniature, flexible wire tube, called a stent, to the damaged portion of the artery. The stent, which is covered with a polyester cloth, is positioned between the weak arterial walls in a way that allows blood to continue flowing through the aorta without filling the aneurysm.

Until now, comprehensive surgery requiring physicians to open the patient's entire abdominal cavity and replace the weakened arterial walls with tubing was the only option for removing an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

"With such extensive surgery, the risk of complications - even death - is higher, and patient recovery takes much longer," Leya said.

In fact, recovery after such surgery generally takes

as long as eight weeks. However, patients who undergo the non-surgical endovascular grafting normally remain in the hospital only two days or three days and can return to normal activities within about two weeks.

"Endovascular grafting is very similar to angioplasty, a common procedure for eliminating obstructions from heart arteries," Leya continued. "During angioplasty, the cardiologist uses balloon or cutter that has been threaded through a catheter in the diseased artery to remove the obstruction. Frequently, a stent is then placed in the area where the blockage occurred to help keep the heart artery open."

Men who are between the ages of 40 and 70 are most at risk for developing an aortic aneurysm. Aortic aneurysms affect between 5 percent to 7 percent of Americans who are 60 years of age or older.

Physicians expect the incidence of these aneurysms to increase as the population continues to age.

High blood pressure, cigarette smoking, inflammation or infection and atherosclerosis, which is often referred to as "hardening of the arteries," are among the primary causes of abdominal aortic aneurysms.

Other than a possible feeling of pulsation in the abdomen or occasional, mild abdominal, back or groin pain, persons who develop aortic aneurysms may not notice symptoms. Often times, these aneurysms are discovered only during routine medical examinations.

Loyola cardiologists already have performed about a dozen of these non-surgical procedures to treat abdominal aortic aneurysms successfully. One of the patients included an 80 year old man, whose chances of surviving extensive abdominal surgery would have been limited.

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Tickets are still available for a Friends of the Oak Lawn Library trip to hear "A Tribute to Sy Oliver" performed by the Chicago Jazz Orchestra at the Harold Washington Library Auditorium on Sunday, March 25.

The cost of the trip, including deluxe coach transportation and concert admission, is \$32 for Friends members and \$34 for others. The bus will depart at 1:30 pm and return at approximately

6:00 pm

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Many people face a conflict between their desire to provide assistance to a parent and a variety of other family, church and community commitments. "Balancing loyalty with other demands is not easy," said Diane Quirk, the owner of the Home Instead Senior Care business serving Southwest Suburbs and South Chicago.

"I remember an elderly client who was suffering from cancer. His son, who lived with him, had an extremely demanding job and his daughter had a young family of her own so providing assistance was difficult for them. The father didn't think he needed help, but he desperately did," Quirk said. "Relatives caught in such a bind often need to jolt them-

selves into tending to their own needs since an exhausted relative is good to no one. Leaving an elderly parent with a substitute caregiver from time to time is essential."

Such respite help is now available locally, and in 42 other states, through Home Instead Senior Care, a national source for companionship and home care services. The company provides an affordable solution for older individuals or couples capable of managing their physical needs, but who require non-medical assistance such as companionship, meal preparation, incidental transportation, light housework, and errands and shopping, to remain at home.

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the client and his or her family to discuss their needs. Hours can be increased or decreased based on changing needs. Client's homes are furnished with a log book in which the Home Instead Senior Caregivers document the service they perform on each visit. "This process not only informs other Caregivers who may be working with the client, but enables the family members to monitor the care and a broad array of day to day companion and home care services we provide," Quirk added.

The company's Caregivers are usually selected individuals who are screened, trained, bonded, insured, and who have successfully cleared a criminal background check. "Special attention is given to matching our Caregivers with clients to achieve the utmost compatibility," Quirk said.

"Home Instead Senior Care's mission is to form a partnership with family members who wish to help their parents live comfortably and contentedly at home with compassionate care," Quirk said. "The family whose father was suffering from cancer found their solution with Home Instead Senior Care. One of our Caregivers became like a member of the family and was with him to the end of his life."

For more stories about what local people are doing to provide help to the elderly, call Home Instead Senior Care at 708-671-2648. Or visit the company's website at [www.Homeinstead.com](http://www.Homeinstead.com).

## Hepatitis is causing concern

by Jude Coyle

When one comes across a bad accident, it isn't a surprise anymore to see emergency personnel decked out with plastic gloves and face shields while attending to the wounded. The obvious reason for taking these precautions, of course, is AIDS, and the HIV virus. It has taken victims in every corner of the country and at every financial level. There is no immunization for AIDS, but better treatments are available.

There is another disease that firefighters, paramedics, EMT's, emergency personnel and care givers are concerned with. That's hepatitis. It has also saturated all levels of society, and is ten times more likely that one would be infected with the viruses that cause it, than it is to come across the HIV virus.

According to Blue Island Firefighter Paul Hoevel, "It isn't that there's an increase in reported cases. I think it's because we are more aware of it." He gave me a brochure called 'Protect Yourself', which is provided to firefighters by the International Firefighters Association. It explains the disease, how it's spread, and safety procedures.

Hepatitis is defined as an inflammation of the liver and is caused by a virus. Symptoms include jaundice, or a yellowing of skin and eyes, stomach or abdomen pain, fatigue and diarrhea.

Emergency personnel have dealt with frightened or angry individuals daily. A needle from a drug user that accidentally pierces the skin can transmit the disease, or something as simple as an accident victim's blood contaminating a cut on the hand of a EMT or paramedic is enough cause to be concerned. Face masks prevent blood, urine or spit from splashing into eyes and mouths. Drug users pass it on when they share dirty needles. Infected food service employees can pass it on by not washing their hands after using washroom facilities.

There are three types, and each is caused by a different virus.

The most serious is

hepatitis C, and this is the one that most concerns emergency personnel. It can sit dormant up to ten years, and can cause more lasting effects than any of the other forms. 8 out of ten people with hepatitis C can develop chronic hepatitis. It can also lead to cirrhosis, liver failure or even liver cancer within 20 years of the initial infection. According to the brochure, there isn't a immunization yet.

There is an immunization for hepatitis B. One in 20 individuals will become infected with this form in their lives.

Symptoms appear within a few days, and might be mild enough that one might not become jaundiced. It can be successfully and easily treated.

The third is hepatitis A. This is spread by coming in contact with feces. The Blue Island Fire Department maintains dive teams because of the Cal Sag Channel. According to Firefighter Hoevel, dive team members are required to take immunization for hepatitis C. 'The Channel is clearer than it was,' he said, 'But it has a long way to go before it's clean.'

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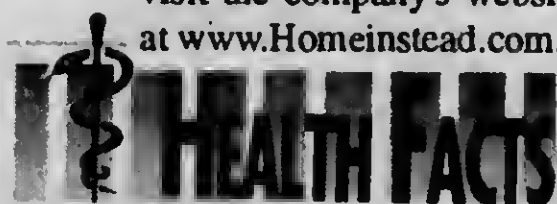
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## Ron Rains in a race to the top of the line

by Anita Anderson

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Ron Rains takes a great deal of credit as Leslie who is teamed with his more conservative but equally as unconventional, Jon, the roommate played by Jeff Christian.

The two men are equals at comedy timing which is what it's

all about in this fast paced vehicle. Rains is making his first appearance at Drury Lane after appearing in productions at Northlight Theater, Steppenwolf, Chicago's Shakespeare Theater, and the Montana Shakespeare in the Parks plus he appeared in several productions in Seattle.

"I got into acting after spending eight years as a computer programmer in California where I grew up," Rains said. "It was the kind of job that called for about eight actual hours of work in a one week period. Mom was single and raised us kids. She and my dad were divorced when I was six," Rains continued. "One day I was reading

Henry David Thoreau's book "Walden" at work. In it he said if you are just working at a job you don't like just to make money you are wrong."

I quit my job and went to Europe for three months and biked all over. I also met my future wife who was Dutch (we kept in touch for eight years before marrying).

Three years ago Rains moved to Chicago because of the advantages of living in a world class city and theater town.

He also substitute teaches an acting class at Columbia College in between appearing past productions like "Enter the Guardsman," "The Ballad of Little Joe," "Much Ado About Nothing," and Drury Lane Oakbrook's "1776."

He holds a BFA from Cornish College in Seattle. Rains credits his mother who still lives in California in jumpstarting his acting career.

"She was and is very active in the Masonic activities for women in her area. When I was eight she encouraged me to take part in plays sponsored by her Masonic Order. I guess that's what infected me with the acting bug," Rains said.

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RON RAINS

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# Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirity

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## ....SSSS is for Snoring

There are some women who claim that the rhythmic sound of their husband's snoring is like music to their ears. They say it's comforting to lay beside their mate, listening to the flowing sound, an assuring, vocal reminder that all is well. I am not one of those women. I like to think of Bill and I as soul mates, a perfectly contented married couple except, of course, for one thing. Bill can wake the dead with his snoring. Imagine an earthquake at point 8.5 on the Richter scale - and you've pretty much got the idea.

When we first got married I would lie awake, to the sounds of a buzz saw going off in my ear. I would try to be patient - laying there trying to welcome this, through clenched teeth, as music to my ears. But two minutes into this imagery - I'd go straight for the nose - as in grabbing his as tight as I could. This would of course turn my mild mannered husband into a maniac. I soon learned a girl could get hurt by doing that, or at least, pushed right off the bed.

We tried everything to silence the snoring - tennis balls sewn in the back of P.J. tops didn't help, he just got use to them being there and he'd lay on his back anyway. He even agreed to the drastic measure of taping his mouth shut but, that too, proved ineffective. Once, in the deafening silence of the middle of the night, I awoke to what sounded like a woman crying out for help. Half asleep, I jumped out of bed and ran to the bedroom window in terror. It sounded so close, yet so far away. The words sounded muffled, *r-a-p-e, r-a-p-e*. Was there a poor soul out there in the night, calling for help? Thankfully, it turned out, I was the only victim, held hostage to Bill's new noise, a result of a taped mouth caused a whistling from his nose that sounded eerily like someone's muffled

cry for help. The tape came off and, as a last result, Bill landed on the couch. At last I could enjoy some well deserved, uninterrupted sleep - that is, until the aggravated whine of our daughters broke the silence. "Mom," they yell from behind closed doors, "we can STILL hear him!!"

One sleep study later we found out that Bill suffers from sleep apnea. Finally, hopefully, something could be done to bring quiet to our nights.

Bill was outfitted with headgear and a machine that would provide constant and even airflow to the back of his throat, all night long. Sure the machine made noise of its own, but that was easy to get used to. What did take a little getting used to was lying next to what resembled a character from "Sea Hunt." Oh were we excited. Gone would be the days of sporting matching sets of bags under our eyes - mine, obviously from his snoring serenades, and his from my constant nudging him awake, to stop the unwelcome racket. It was a vicious cycle.

Bill has since had two surgeries in his quest for quiet slumber. And, for awhile, you could hear a pin drop, but it didn't last for long. Soon, the jack hammer intensity that vibrates the dreamed filled hours of darkness, shook the house once again. But, I've come to accept what I cannot change. For I've come to realize that, no matter how much I love my husband, I will never get use to that, non-stop nasal sound of a freight train, no matter how hard I try.

S, is for snoring and for snoozing solo at times, to ensure the sanity of a solid marriage.

## Oak Lawn Garden Club

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its' February meeting on Thursday, February 22 at 4625 W. 110th Street at 9:15 am. Our program, "Herbal Gardening

and Medicine," will be presented by Mel Zaloudek, who has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Plant Taxonomy.

Hostesses will be Dorie Casper, Adele Good, Irene Herich, and Pauline Leyerle.

The club is offering scholarships to two high school seniors interested in horticultural

## New online library catalog features

Evergreen Park Public Library patrons can take advantage of new features of the online catalog on any of the library's computer catalogs or from home through the library's web site, [www.evergreenparklibrary.org](http://www.evergreenparklibrary.org).

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## Chicago Ridge VFW Post's Events

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The spaghetti dinners will take place on the first Thursday of each month, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. All the events at the post are open to our community.

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## The new approach to asthma for infants

Bill Moller, anchor from CLTV-TV IN. Channel 51, reported about the uncommonly high rate of asthma among children in Chicagoland. It's somewhere around fifteen percent. There is a new procedure that has been approved by the government to treat the symptoms of asthma in children as young as twelve months.

Dr. Annick Gaye, an associate professor for pediatrics at Loyola University Medical Center, stated, "The prevalence of asthma has been increasing, and is up to fifteen percent in the Chicago area, compared to eight percent nationwide. It is very important that the children get diagnosed and treated as early as possible with anti-inflammatory medications. We call these medications also controllers, and if diagnosed properly and treated early enough, we hope that the long term damage from

asthma in the lung tissue will be hopefully delayed or not occur at all."

The first time a child can use the medication is at twelve months. This is the youngest age we can use this medication. It is actually a new formulation of a medication that has been used in other children and adults. The treatment that we use is called budesonide suspension. We give that via nebulizer.

Dannette Quinn (Parent of Asthma Patient) stated, "I've seen very positive results by using the new method. Before the medication and before treatment when, my son was diagnosed was extremely traumatic for us. Under Dr. Gaye's care with this medication, my husband and I feel that he now has the life of a child. He's playing, eating well, and he's on a regular schedule now. These were things that were not

happening before. Before this particular medication, we had a lot of sleepless nights, a lot of crying, a lot of whining, not really understanding what was really going on with him. In addition to that, there were a lot of ER visits, but he's doing really well now.

According to Dr. Gaye, the stereotypes surrounding asthma stem directly from misconception and misinformation. Health experts say that educating Cook County's Black community is especially critical.

"Non-white patients are more affected by asthma than white patients," Dr. Gaye said. "We do not have a specific explanation for that."

Symptoms in children, Dr. Gaye said, can be subtle, but crucial to recognize.

Dr. Gaye said asthma symptoms to be more aware of in children are the inability to finish his/her sentence,

difficulty during physical activities, shortness of breath, decreased appetite, coughing with vomiting, pain in the chest, stomach or throat, the pulling in of chest muscles with the shoulders and trouble falling asleep lying down.

For more information regarding the new asthma medications, Dr. Gaye recommends contacting your family physician, child's pediatrician or local emergency room.

## Bingo at Marist High School

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Shirley Moore is a public speaker, seminar/workshop leader, life coach and performer. She is also an affiliate member of Professional Speakers of Illinois. Shirley helps people access their energy, overcome exhaustion and electrify their life! She takes the innovative approach in helping question: Do I control my thoughts or do my thoughts control me? Shirley points the way to shedding unproductive patterns, bringing order out of chaos, maximizing mental discipline, developing clarity in decision making and experiencing effortless accomplishment.

## Young readers book club

Readers in grades 4 and 5 are invited to join a new book discussion group at the Eyergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy. Meet other young readers and discuss great books on the last Wednesday of each month at

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"The University Admissions Day offers a wonderful opportunity for Daley College students to continue their educational pursuits,"

said Mark Warden, President of Daley College, "Students will be guided through the necessary procedures to take their education to the four year college level."

Daley College invites a select number of Universities to participate in the event. The selected universities will have admission counselors on hand to explain admission requirements and evaluate transcripts of the students who attend the event. Universities that will be represented include UIC, Depaul, Loyola, Chicago State, National Lewis, and the Dominican University.

To receive more information about Daley College, visit our website at [www.ccc.edu/daley](http://www.ccc.edu/daley). You may call Daley College at (773) 838-7986 (leave a message 24 hours a day) or (773) 838-7500.

## Luther High School South Honor Roll and Honorable Mentions

Fifty one Luther High School students achieved either Honor Roll or Honorable Mention status for the 1st semester of the 2000-2001 school year. Those eligible for the Honor Roll attained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and those making Honorable Mention made a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Seniors on the Honor Roll are: Cecil Devers, Michael Harrington, Christina Hawkins, Kira Quarles, Anna Rainey and Alonzo Webb. Seniors making Honorable Mention are Sheena Wearing, Marie Myers, Veronica Coleman, Taj Price, Heather Parks, Lemuel Kemp, Brian Smith, Leslie Wisdom, Kshea Hale, Jamie Cromwell, LaShawn Jarrett, Ebony Merrill, Kenneth Collins and Thomas Perkins.

Juniors included on the Honor Roll are: Clarence Johnson, Walter Parks, and Christine Govas. Juniors

meriting Honorable Mention are: Courtney Bynum, Tanesha Taylor, Lonnie Norwood, Brandy Weatherspoon, Danielle Washington, and Tanisha Garth.

Sophomores qualifying for the Honor Roll are: Simuel Hampton, Brandon Brown, Holly Brock, Kristen Butler, Shana Jackson, Natasha Ray and Angelia Anderson. Sophomores on the Honorable Mention list are: Kristi Hicks, Christina Jones and Tamika Hutchinson.

Freshman achieving Honor Roll status are: Ashley Elem and Brittany Gettings. Freshman on the Honorable Mention roster are: Ryan Johnson, Dominique Anderson, Devlin Gordon, Beth Kasprowicz, Nicole Long, Shauntina Jackson, LaShawna Davis, Rodney Perrow, Andre Daniels and Nina Oats.

## CBS 2 Chicago's Mike Flannery emcees 11th Crystal Heart Ball

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers' Crystal Heart Ball attracted its largest support in 11 years -- more than 850 guests -- at its Cancer Center fundraiser, which was emceed by "CBS 2 Chicago's" Mike Flannery.

Proceeds from Crystal Heart Ball 2001 at The Field Museum will support community programs and services at The Cancer Center at Little Company.

The Cancer Center, which officially opened its doors in January, will continually improve its community outreach and education about cancer as well as its medical services. Meeting the growing costs of the latest medical technology to diagnose and treat cancer will be an ongoing focus of the Hospital's fundraising efforts.

At the black tie dinner dance, southwest suburban resident Thomas Owens, a retired businessman who founded XL/Datacomp and now directs the Owens Foundation's charitable activities, was honored with the 2001 Mary Potter Humanitarian Award for his work with the homeless and disadvantaged youth. The Mary Potter Humanitarian Award

honors an individual whose personal and professional accomplishments embody the ideals, vision and mission of Venerable Mary Potter, Foundress of the Little Company of Mary Sisters. The award is a testament to compassion, commitment and the gift of empowerment.

Owens helped launch the "CARA" initiative, an outreach program providing employment and support services to many motivated formerly homeless families in Chicago. He has worked closely with local businesses to implement the program in the southwest suburban area. To help others benefit from his personal success, Owens established the Owens Foundation to fund self sufficiency programs for the homeless and education for disadvantaged youth.

Jill Fitzgerald, a former resident of Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, who has dedicated many years of her life to the work of the Little Company of Mary Sisters, received the 2001 Sister Nancy Boyle Award for Excellence -- a tribute to an individual or program that embodies the legacy and life of Sister Nancy Boyle, L.C.M., so her spirit will live on and continue to inspire others.

Guests enjoyed a three course dinner, featuring sea bass and beef tenderloin, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and entertainment by Rich Daniels' City Lights Orchestra amidst the magic of the Museum's stunning new dinosaur exhibit, "Sue." The Crystal Heart Ball 2001 chairpersons were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kelley of Standard Bank. Dr. and Mrs. Richard Farrell were the event's co-chairpersons.

The Crystal Heart Ball's famous Grand Raffle featured eight exciting prizes, including a seven night "Discover the Mediterranean" trip for two, a Caribbean cruise for two, a Walt Disney World trip for three, airline tickets, a downtown weekend, men and women's Gortex ski jackets, a Waterford Crystal bowl, a fur coat.

## Senior Citizen Organization

The Worth Township Seniors offer Free Vision Testing on Wednesday, March 14, 2001 from 9:00 am to noon. Please register (708) 371-2900, ext. 28. Worth Township Center 11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip. Call for more information.



# Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department

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## Craft Classes

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering various craft classes. Organizing Yesterday (Scrap booking class), held two Fridays a month from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Age's teen to adult are welcome. Fee for residents is \$10.00, non residents is \$15.00 (per session).

Hop on Down, held on Monday, March 26 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Age's 6-8 years old are welcome. Fee for residents is \$5.00, non residents is \$10.00.

In Your Easter Bonnet, held on Tuesday, March 13 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Age's teen through adult are welcome. Fee for residents is \$15.00, non residents is \$20.00.

Secure a spot by registering early at the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd Street. For information call 430-4500.

## Employees for Service recognized at Oak Lawn Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library recently honored several employees for their years of service in five year increments.

Long term service awards were given to: Kathy O'Leary, reference librarian, for 20 years; and Susan Baird, head of patron services, for 15 years.

Employees recognized for 10 years of service were: Jesus Claudio, maintenance lad cleaner; Carol Krueger, receptionist; and Barbara Stefanek, reference librarian.

Those with five years of service were: Barbara Kusek, reference librarian; and Brian Wilson, youth services senior librarian.

## Woodcarving

A Woodcarving class is being offered on Wednesdays starting March 7 to April 11 at 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Ages 18 years and older are welcome. Fee for residents is \$45.00, non residents is \$50.00 (wood is included). Register in advance at the Park Department.

## AM Step Class Session II

A second session of the AM Step Class starting March 20 to May 24. This is a Tuesday and/or Thursday lass from 8:45 am to 9:45 am. Age's 18 years and older are welcome. Fee for residents for one day a week (Tuesday or Thursday) is \$24.75, non residents is \$29.75. Fee for residents for two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday) is \$44.50, non residents is \$49.50. Register now at the Palos Hills Park Department.

## Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, March 8, 2001, at the White Rose Banquet Hall, (formerly Burbank Rose) 6501 W. 79th Street, Burbank.

The featured speaker for March will be Jerold Gunderson, a Certified Senior Advisor, Financial Planner. Married with two children and five grandchildren, Jerry has been a member of Oak Lawn Community Church since 1956, where he is active as an Elder, has been the Outreach Chairperson, and is a member of the Congregational Life committee. He's the Lay Minister at The Senior's Club, an adult day care, where he regularly holds chapel services. The owner and

## The Chicago Place

A shopping trip on March 8 to The Chicago Place an eight level vertical shopping center located on Michigan Ave. Transportation will depart from the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd Street at 9:30 am and return approximately 5:00 pm (lunch not included). Register now, fee is \$10.00.

## Chicago Historical Society

A trip to the Chicago Historical Society on Tuesday, March 27. Transportation will depart from the Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd Street at 9:00 am and return approximately 4:00 pm. Fee is \$21.00 (lunch is included).

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operator of Gunderson Nursing Home for 20 years, Jerry remained a consultant in the field until his retirement in 1986. In 1983, he founded Jerold Gunderson & Associates, where he specializes in retirement planning. Licensed in Life Insurance, Pensions, and Annuities, Jerry's goal is to "make sure each person is on the right path to where he or she should be for a secure future."

Bring a friend with you to explore the world of finances and what part God has in it. Dinner tickets are \$12.50 available at 6:30 pm at the door. Dinner is served at 7:00 pm. For reservations and/or additional information, please call Josephine at (773) 767-8031.

## Ballroom Dancing

Ballroom Dancing Classes on Mondays starting March 5 through April 9, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Ages 16 and older are welcome. Fee for residents is \$40.00, non residents is \$45.00. Registration is being taken now.

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## Township Independent Party

The Township Independent Party invites all Worth Township residents to meet the candidates at an Open House scheduled to be held from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Sunday, February 25th at their campaign headquarters, 5207 1/2 W. 95th Street in Oak Lawn. Voters are encouraged to attend this informal gathering to speak with candidates who will be available to answer questions regarding their role in local government.

Attending will be Supervisor Jack Murphy, Trustee Michael Davies, Trustee Roger A. Benson, Trustee Michael Mahoney, Trustee Jack Lind, Collector Marion Keane, Highway Commissioner Dave Heilmann, Clerk Thomas "Bud" Gavin and Assessor candidate John Toscas.

Prior to their election in 1997, the Township Independent Party candidates ran on a platform of controlling spending and improving services. They have delivered on both counts, freezing taxes for the past four years and expanding programs benefiting seniors, parents, children and the handicapped. Township elections will be held on April 3, 01. Anyone wishing to be a campaign volunteer should contact Jack Murphy 708-424-3636.

## Art Therapy

The Palos Hills Park & Recreation Department is offering an Art Therapy class on Monday, February 26 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. This class will analyze your drawings to help reveal the hidden meaning. No artistic ability is needed. Ages 18 years and older are welcome. Fee for residents is \$10.00, non residents is \$15.00. Register now at the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd Street. For more information call 430-4500.

## Citizens for Christine Radogno is hosting their annual Mardi Gras Masquerade

Mardi Gras Masquerade will be Friday, February 23, 2001 at the Sabre Room, 8900 W. 95th Street, Hickory Hills. Hurricanes and various cocktails will be served at 6:30 pm and Authentic Mardi Gras Cuisine will be served at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$50.00, for more information call Arlene Kasper (708) 354-2424.

## McAuley acknowledges Heart of School

Ms. Marge Mazzola, a Theatre teacher at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, has been recognized by her colleagues as McAuley's recipient of the 2000-2001 Heart of the School Award. Ms. Mazzola is in her eighth year teaching theatre at McAuley.

Each year the Office of Catholic Education of the Archdiocese of Chicago gives schools an opportunity to nominate one of their distinguished teachers for the Heart of the School Award. The McAuley Faculty feels Ms. Mazzola is someone who distinguishes herself daily as a professional educator, an effective communicator, as one who impacts the learning environment for her students, as a teacher who uses creative techniques and strategies to deliver quality theatre instruction, and as a model of Christian leadership. The teacher nominee participates in the nomination process by writing a response to the statement: why have I chosen to be an educator in the Catholic school. The principal describes how the teacher is actively involved in providing quality Catholic education for their students.

At McAuley, Marge

believes in engaged learning where her students "learn by doing." She especially enjoys having her students perform for the preschoolers at McAuley's Little School. Ms. Mazzola says this gives her acting students the chance to perform puppet shows and skits in a lab situation and get immediate feedback.

Marge teaches Children's Theatre, Freshman Acting, Advanced Acting and Public Speaking. She is also the costume coordinator for all school shows. In the Fall, Ms. Mazzola directs students from the acting classes, Children's Theatre and the Thespian Group on creating the "Not So Haunted House" for young children in the area.

Upon receiving this prestigious distinction, Marge commented, "I am moved emotionally to be chosen by such a talented faculty. They bring the best out in me and hopefully I can do the same for them."

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## Study shows people get more top news in print than by computer

A new study confirms what many experts have long suspected about how people use Internet news sites: Online readers tend to avoid -- and insulate themselves from -- the goings-on in the larger world around them.

In the study of college students reading the New York Times, researchers found that online readers were less likely than their paper reading counterparts to have read national, international and political news -- all typical "front section" newspaper topics. On one day of the study, "front section" news accounted for almost two thirds of the stories read by the print audience and only 41 percent of those read by the online group. The differences in their reading habits, in turn, resulted in "significant and substantial differences in readers' knowledge about public affairs."

These are the findings of David Tewksbury and Scott Althaus, professors of speech communication at the University of Illinois, whose experiment is the first to examine the differential effects of exposure to print and online versions of a major daily

newspaper. Their findings appear in the latest issue of Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly, released in January.

The selection differences apparently lie in the reader's visual cues -- or lack of them. While a reader of a printed newspaper encounters many obvious cues about a story's significance -- the placement, headline, length of story, for example -- the online reader, who often finds stories using an index organized by categories, has fewer of these cues -- primarily the item's topic and relative placement in the index.

Since the online version reduces and reorganizes story salience cues about the importance of events, "it severely limits editors' ability to control what audiences read," Tewksbury said. "In the balance between newspaper supplied cues and reader interests, online news appears to give the latter an advantage."

There is another inherent problem: "Online news sites often give prominence to fast breaking stories that in the grand scheme of things aren't that important," Tewksbury

observed. "While this is sensible, given the competition from 24 hour news outlets like CNN and other online papers, it can affect what people know and don't know about the truly important events of the day." Tewksbury, therefore, advises online editors to "Be aware of relying too heavily on timeliness as a news value. Too often a story soars to the top spot on online news pages because the story is brand new. Our data suggest that people consume only a few stories, and if that consumption is occupied with fleeting timely stories, people will miss the truly important stories."

Fundamentally the news values of print and online editors are different, the researchers found. "People are used to the news values that print editors use," Tewksbury said. "They have served our democracy for decades. Are we ready for the new online values?"

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area. Future series performers include acoustic bluegrass band The Special Consensus on March 11.

All seating is general admission and tickets are \$11. For more information or to order tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 per order handling fee. For news media inquiries, call Marianne Naughton, public relations specialist, at (708) 974-5281.

20th century. The dynamic musical performance of angelic soprano Presutti and versatile guitarist Korbitz will include pieces by Hector Berlioz, Joseph Pratten, Mauro Giuliani, and G. F. Handel.

The most recent success of Presutti and Korbitz, both of Woodridge, was a live broadcast on WFMT for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's Radiothon 25. This performance brought bravos from the audience and was called "absolutely exquisite" by CSO president Henry Fogel. The Chicago Artists' Series features artists who are "up and comers" in the Chicago

## School libraries and teachers to benefit from grant

Moraine Valley Community College has been awarded a \$72,000 grant to develop and offer teacher training workshops to library staff and teacher teams of elementary and high schools in the area. The grant from the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State will fund a series of training workshops -- free to participants -- to teach how to integrate new technologies and electronic resources into the school curriculum and class work. Specifically, the workshops will focus on educational software and multimedia presentations and creating Web pages.

An added feature of the workshops is that librarians and teachers can obtain continuing education credits for recertification.

A total of 14 workshops, offered on 11 dates, will be held in the computer lab on the second floor of the Learning Resources Center/Library between March 8 and June 12. Registration is required. Called Delphine Lytell at 974-5234 today to reserve your seat.

For more information, call

## Enjoy that great New Orleans Jazz with the Preservation Hall Jazz Band

Straight from New Orleans! The Preservation Hall Jazz Band will play a rousing selection of music on Sunday, February 25 at 3:00 pm at the Paramount Arts Centre in Aurora. Playing such favorites as "When the Saints Go Marching In," "Bourbon Street Parade," and "Bill Bailey," the band builds on a century old tradition. Don't miss the upbeat and

## Exercise incentive mall walking program at Orland Square Mall

The "Get Fit on Route 66" Exercise Incentive Mall Walking Program, a seven week program sponsored by St. Francis Hospital & Health Center and Orland Square Mall, will begin March 14 at 8:15 am at Orland Square Mall Food Court.

"Get Fit on Route 66" is a free walking incentive program designed to help you get fit and have fun as you "trace the famous route of this legendary highway." Each participant will receive a map of the route to track your walking progress. Along the way you'll pass famous landmarks featured in songs, books, movies and TV shows. Enjoy motivating healthy lectures from our healthcare professionals, low fat treats, win raffle prizes and T-shirts.

**March 14 - Kick Off Registration** - Located in Food Court area (lower level near JC Penney).

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**April 11 - "The Road to Better Health and Fitness"** - Discover new fitness ideas and programs that will put you on the right route. Blood pressure and diabetes glucose screening.

**April 18 - "Healthy Travels to You"** - Learn how to make healthy eating choices on the run and when traveling. Low fat food demonstration.

**April 25 - Grand Finale - Prizes and T-shirts.**

For more information on the "Get Fit on Route 66" Exercise Incentive Walking Program, call 708-597-2000, ext. 4222.

closing pieces, concert numbers are virtually unplanned. As the evening progresses, the musicians decide what to play based on their amazing instincts for sizing up each individual audience.

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All tickets for Preservation Hall Jazz Band are \$21 and are on sale now at the Paramount Arts Centre box office, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora, (630-896-6666) and TicketMaster ticket outlets.

Preservation Hall Jazz Band is sponsored by WDCB Public Radio 90.9 FM and by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

## Local musicians Angela Presutti and Ron Korbitz to perform at Moraine Valley

The vocal and guitar talents of local musicians Angela Presutti and Ron Korbitz will be featured at Moraine Valley Community College on Sunday, February 25, at 3:00 pm as part of the college's Chicago Artists' Series.

The performance will take place in the intimate setting of the college's John and Angeline Oremus Theater, located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

"From Minstrels to Modernism" is an afternoon of music for voice and guitar from the Renaissance to the

## Oak Lawn Elks Lodge #2254

Elks Lodge held their annual Hoop Shoot contest for Local Schools. Don Nowak Chairman advises the pictured winners will proceed to Pontiac, IL, January 20th for further competition; Girls: (l-r) Tricia Hadle, St. Paul School; Jessica Mandac, St. Paul School; Clarissa Gabriel, Worthwoods. Boys: (l-r) Danny Spedale, Hannum School; Peter Danos, Kolmar School; and Jimmy Mallek, Home-town School.





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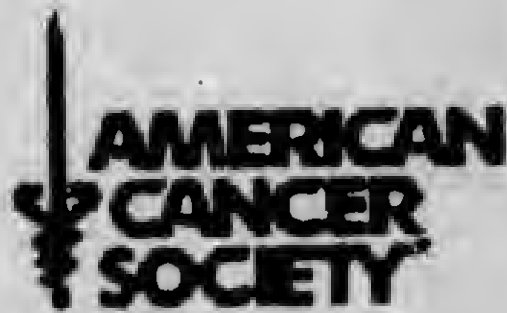


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## Civic leader supports tax cut

By Rick Techman

With a known community advocate predicting quick passage of President George W. Bush's tax cut package, there are still some important facts all homeowners and taxpayers must be aware of to get through the current season and legitimately reach April 14.

While the Internal Revenue Service, a department of the U.S. Treasury, collects federal income taxes from all taxpayers across the nation, they assure all citizens that they only intend to collect the legally prescribed amount. The IRS does not expect to collect any more or any less than what is owed according to existing tax laws.

According to Garfield-Ridge Community Advocate Daniel John Sobieski, the President George Bush tax initiative will give taxpayers an across the board cut still allowing the federal government to live within its means. He said a top tax rate of about 39 percent will drop to 33 percent while the bottom tax rate of 15 percent will drop to 10 percent. Sobieski said [Bush will] "push for a full tax cut as soon as possible. It will be across the board," he added.

Sobieski predicted the President's tax initiative would not take effect until later this year. Taxpayers currently living under the concern of an audit following submission of their income tax returns need only understand the agency's procedure.

The IRS, with their present kinder, gentler image assures

legitimate taxpayers they need not be concerned. IRS workers use computer programs to find returns with errors in amounts. These figures could disagree with numbers from Forms W-2 and 1099. Also, figures on the tax return might be compared to past examinations or certain issues identified by compliance projects.

While public records, newspapers and other individuals round out the ways the IRS has of discovering inconsistencies in tax returns, the most common and consistent means of notification of an error in filing is through a letter delivered by the post office. This letter will commonly be a request for more information or a reason why it is believed an error was made.

Responding to the IRS inquiry by mail can be a convenient and simple way to explain the reason for the disagreement. A personal interview with an examiner can be arranged if the IRS is unhappy with the response or the taxpayer, or his legal representation, is prepared to speak directly on the subject. Conclusions reached not to the taxpayer's liking can be appealed at the IRS Appeals Office or court. Most disputes are settled at the appeals office level.

Sobieski explained beside the tax cut mentioned, another initiative, the elimination of the marriage penalty, is expected to receive quick passage through the Congress. Sobieski also added, "He [Bush] is going to be as successful as Reagan, because, like Reagan he'll do what he says he's going to do."



Michael Heeney '71, President Fr. Tom McCarthy OSA '83, and Principal Joseph Bamberger pose with this semester's Heeney Award winners at the St. Rita High School Chapel.

## Heeney Award Winners at St. Rita High School

Since 1967, the St. Rita High School Fathers' Club has awarded St. Rita High School students who earn straight A's each semester with the Joseph C. Heeney Award. The Heeney Award was established in the fall of 1967 in the memory of Mr. Heeney, who was president of the St. Rita Fathers' Club for the 1967-68 school year when he passed away in June, 1967.

This semester's Heeney Award Mass and Ceremony took place on Sunday, January 28th at the St. Rita High School Chapel. Following mass and breakfast, Michael Heeney '71, son of Joseph C. Heeney, presented a certificate of recognition and a \$50 check to the following straight A students:

Miguel Aldana (Brighton Park), Aaron Bailye (Summit), Ray Bennet, Jr. (Ashburn), Ron Bossard (Back of Yards), Michael Boyd (West Lawn), Daniel Broderick (Beverly), Kevin Brooks (Scottsdale), Brian Burmeister (Evergreen Park), Brian Carey (Beverly), Brian Carroll (Evergreen Park), Gregory Cherry (Ashburn),

Michael Christie (Oak Lawn), Jason Downey (West Lawn), Kevin Foran (Beverly), James Foy (Beverly), Geoffrey Glowacki (Back of Yards), Anthony Golczak (Scottsdale), Jonathan Gonzalez (Evergreen Park), James Griffin (Oak Forest), Edward Hanacek (Chicago Lawn), Edward Kerfin (Brighton Park), Joseph Kirkland (Evergreen Park), Stephen Krone (West Lawn), Leo Krystof (Oak Lawn), Anthony Martino (Clearing), Michael McCormack (Beverly), Ronald Moss (Ashburn), Kenneth Murfay (Ashburn), Jason O'Brien (West Lawn), Robert O'Connor (West Lawn), David Pena (Brighton Park), Reginald Poindexter (West Lawn), Richard Rowan (Beverly), Matthew Ryan (Beverly), Michael Smith (Bridgeport), Mark Stachnik (West Lawn), John Wantiez (Oak Lawn).

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## Chicago Post 419 is seeking new members

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The Post holds its monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at the Rhine Post Hall, located at 5858 S. Archer Avenue at 7:00 pm.

Come down and experience The American Legion in action. Refreshments are served after our meetings. To answer any questions please contact: Joe Paplaski, Senior Vice Commander, 5540 S. McVicker Ave., Chicago, IL 60638, (773) 767-3909.

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art of assisting discovery.  
—Mark Van Doren  
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## Homeowners face predators

By Rick Techman

Criminal activity in the 23rd Ward since the new year, though not as serious as in other parts of the city, remains a major concern for the residents in Garfield-Ridge, Clearing and Vittum Park though even within these neighboring communities the types of crime occurring take on varying forms.

Representatives of the Chicago Police Department, through the Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy monthly meetings in these communities, provide information every meeting on the types of crimes currently affecting the community and what is being done to stop them. CAPS workers always seek citizen input on fighting crime here and seeing suspects get their day in court.

According to a CAPS representative, since January 15, the most common crime occurring in Garfield-Ridge was the property crime of theft. At least 20 reported thefts took place by February 13.

Criminal damage to property, such as broken windows and graffiti, reached the number one spot in illegal activity in both the Clearing and Vittum Park communities. Clearing had 20 criminal damage reports and Vittum Park had 17. But both communities experienced thefts at an equal or near equal rate to property damage.

The basic message of the CAPS representatives to the residents of each of the communities at their respective meetings was to watch out for criminal activity, call the police at any sign of

wrongdoing and know how to protect yourself from common criminal activity such as burglaries and deceptive practices.

CPD Detective Sergeant Bernard Ryan, a guest speaker at the Beat 811 CAPS meeting said, "Your home security is as strong as the weakest link." He reminded homeowners to lock their doors securely and closely monitor all entrance and egress from the home.

He said some Chicago homeowners in other areas of the city will go out to their garage or walk through the yard to take out garbage and find themselves victim to criminals waiting for the door to open. Ryan said high security fences, steel doors and big dogs, though intended to keep these thieves away, ultimately disrupt fire, ambulance and police activity in an emergency at that location.

Battery and assault rank in that order in all three communities as the most frequently reported crimes against people. Regarding crimes against people, Garfield-Ridge residents reported two kidnappings, Clearing residents reported one criminal sexual assault and Vittum Park residents reported one homicide between January 15 and February 13.

Crimes against people listed as telephone harassment and telephone threats have also been reported from all three communities. Deceptive practices have also been reported during the past month.



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## Highlights from Chicago Ridge Board Meeting

by Jude Coyle

Michael Roche spoke to the Chicago Ridge Village Board on February 6, 2001. He owns lot 60 and 61, in the Park at Chicago Ridge. His property is bounded by Southwest Highway, the Tri State, Sayre and the tracks. In the center of this property, is one long building. He asked that the Board allow him to lease it out. Presently it is partially occupied.

The Board has not allowed him to lease out any more space, because of a number of violations to the Village Building Code. They imposed a number of deadlines, that have not been met. Board members concurred that Mr. Roache has not ignored their requests, but has been limited by funding. Work has been completed, but sporadically, and when money was available.

According to Village Engineer, Dr. Christopher Burke, Mr. Roache purchased the property in '96. It had been vacant approximately ten years, and had become a hang out for teenagers, and a place to dump trash. Mr. Roache had a lot of work to do to bring the building up to code. He had to repair and paint the outer walls, rewire the interior, bring in water and sewer lines, build bathrooms, and clean up the trash left outside.

The property must be paved yet, and Mr. Roache plans to pave only the area in front of the building, and that needed for parking. He plans to subdivide at a later date.

He also needs to address several fire safety issues. Fire Chief Grossi said that Mr. Roache has removed flammable material from the interior of the building, but there are other issues, and Mr. Roach is close to meeting them.

The Board agreed, that yes, he could lease out more of the building, but the remaining work must be completed by May 30. McNamara Cab and a body shop are interested.

Dr. Burke plans to apply for Cook County Block Grants. All projects but one involve road work. Projects to received the highest priority are 107 Street, Central to Ridgmont; Parkside, 105th to 107th; 105th Street, Central to Austin, and sidewalks on Ada. A project for consideration of secondary importance, is road work on Marshall Avenue, from Austin to Lyman.

Fire Chief Randall Grossi expressed his desire to improve the Chicago Ridge Fire Department fleet. He asked for the Board's approval to replace the old ladder truck with a new E1 Aerial truck. It has a basket that rises 90 feet into the air, and then lowers flat to the ground. Recently, the Fire Department purchased a 2001 ambulance. They maintain three. The third is held in reserve.



## MWRD recognizes Engineers' Week

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago recognizes the contributions of the engineering profession and presented a resolution in honor of Engineers' Week. This week is supported by professional and technical engineering societies, as well as hundreds of major corporations, government agencies, universities and private businesses. The theme of 2001 is "Engineers: Turning Ideas Into Reality." The resolution was presented by Commissioner Patricia Young, MWRD, center, to two members of the Engineers' Week Committee, John P. Mick II, chairman, left, and Donald Pries.

## Moraine Valley to offer short term classes

For those who cannot take college courses during the regular 17 week semester, Moraine Valley Community College offers short term classes.

These mini semester classes are designed for those who want to earn college credit quickly, and for students who want to pick up extra classes after the semester has begun.

Classes range from two to 11 weeks and begin at different times throughout the semester. Though these classes meet for a shorter period of time, the same amount of material is covered.

Short term classes that start the week of February 19 include Composition II and Phlebotomy for Health Care Providers.

Short term classes, beginning the week of February 26, include: Sentence and Paragraph writing, Introduction to PC Applications, Developmental Math, Beginning Algebra with Geometry, Geometry, Fire Service Instructor I, Personal Computer Basics, Business Mathematics, Speech Fundamentals, and Magnetic Particle Testing.

For more information, including class meeting times, or to register, call the Admissions, Records and Registration Office at (708) 974-2110 (TTY/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556).

Information on all classes is available in the spring of 2001 class schedule or online at [www.moraine.cc.il.us](http://www.moraine.cc.il.us).

## Gambling sting nets three arrests

A gambling investigation in Palos Hills resulted in the arrest of three individuals this week. The investigation culminated a two month undercover operation.

In late December, Palos Hills Police Chief Paul Madigan received complaints that the video poker machines in some of the Palos Hills liquor establishments were being used for illegal gambling and that those bars were making pay outs to customers that were accumulating points on those machines. The complaints, according to Chief Madigan were coming from the wives of the losers. "They were blowing their pay checks in the machines," according to the Chief.

After a preliminary investigation by Palos Hills detectives indicated that these allegations to have factual basis, the next step was to put undercover officers into the establishments. In order to get fresh faces that would not be recognized into the bars, Chief Madigan asked for Cook County Sheriff's undercover investigators to assist.

As an end result, two liquor establishments were found making pay outs to customers. The first was Palos Pizza, 8650 W. 103rd

Street. Charged with "Keeping a gambling place" was owner, Glen Pratt, 49, of Palos Hills; and bartender Rebecca Deverville, 51 of Justice. Seized were three electronic video slot/poker machines.

The second establishment was the Chateau Belvidere, 8055 W. 103rd Street. Bartender Jeanine Kardelis, was charged with one count of illegal gambling and one count of keeping a gambling place. Three electronic video poker machines were seized.

All three subjects turned themselves in to authorities on Tuesday. They were bonded out and given a court date of March 27th at 1:30 pm in room 104 of Maybrook court facility.

Chief Madigan was pleased with the arrests. "I'm always glad to see successful investigations that end with positive results. Illegal gambling is not something that we want to see in our City. A lot of hard work went into this investigation and the officers involved should be complimented for their efforts. We routinely make sweeps to make sure problems like these do not occur, this time some arrests were made," said the Chief.

## Hit comedy to premiere at Royal George Theatre

Michael Leavitt, Fox Theatricals, Richard Martini and Jonathon Reinis will present Becky Mode's acclaimed smash hit comedy Fully Committed for a limited engagement at Chicago's Royal George Theatre, 1641 North Halsted Street, beginning Tuesday, March 13, 2001 and running through Sunday, May 27. This one man show will feature acclaimed film, television and theatre star

Bronson Pinchot. Tickets will go on sale Friday, February 16.

Tickets can be obtained at the Royal George Box Office, by phone at (312) 988-9000; and at all Ticketmaster locations or by calling Ticketmaster at (312) 944-1500. Discounts for groups of 20 or more are available by calling (312) 977-1710.



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## Tuomey and Pappas challenge Oak Lawn's Mayor and Clerk

By F.J. Soczek

Oak Lawn businessman Travis Tuomey and George Pappas have formally filed their nominating petitions and have begun in earnest their quest for Mayor and Village Clerk of Oak Lawn.

Tuomey, 33, is the owner of Millie's Ice Cream and Coffee Shoppe, 5108 W. 95th Street and will face incumbent Ernest Kolb for Mayor in the April 3rd election.

Pappas, 73, a retired general superintendent formerly in the cement paving business, will challenge A Jayne Powers for Village Clerk.

Tuomey was born in Oak Lawn and grew up in La Grange. He attended Elmhurst College and formerly owned a landscaping company in Clarendon Hills. He ultimately returned to Oak Lawn where many of his relatives still lived, and opened Millie's in 1995.

Pappas grew up in the Chicago Roseland neighborhood and moved to Oak Lawn in 1969. Since his retirement from the construction trade, Pappas has been active at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. He is the father of 4 children and has 9 grandchildren. He has an engineering degree from the Army School of Engineering and spent two years in Korea.

Tuomey explained his many conversations with customers in his shop have provided him a unique insight into the intricacies of the community.

He advocates a strong, locally based business community where shop owners will not remain isolated from the basic needs of the Village.

Tuomey also feels local government should fairly

enforce existing zoning regulations rather than act as ad hoc developers eager to sacrifice residential homes for preferred businesses.

While not opposed to strategic business development, Tuomey feels Village planners should have enough foresight to purchase desired private properties as they become available on the market, not at inflated prices or with threats of condemnation.

Tuomey decries the current Village practice of purchasing viable businesses, demolishing the buildings and complaining about the resulting "blighted" look.

Tuomey feels Village officials should be more attentive to the changing needs of the business community, with particular attention to what he feels is the "over-saturation" of strip mall development.

Village Clerk candidate George Pappas stated he would like to see an abolition of the multitude of "no bid" contracts continuously awarded by the Village.

He also noted elected Village officials should be required to live in the Village and be readily available should difficulties arise.

Pappas noted residents of the trailer park expressed concern about possible displacement due to future development. He also urged more transportation be

made available for Village seniors.

Both men have been quite active in community organizations. Pappas belongs to the Elks Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, as well as AHAPA, a Greek philanthropic organization that works with children.

Tuomey has been involved with Brother Rice High School, St. Linus School, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Park Lawn, Mother McAuley and the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce.

Fierce, blustery winds and leaden skies failed to dampen the spirits of the many supporters who attended the "Meet the Candidates" party held Sunday, February 25th at Millie's Ice Cream Shoppe.

Outside, huddled beneath a portable tent, a DJ and several youthful volunteers greeted visitors. Inside the popular ice cream parlor, the room overflowed with faithful customers and well wishers amidst a festive atmosphere of colorful balloons and ebullient enthusiasm.

A second fund raising event is planned for the evening of March 9, 2001 at the Oak Lawn Hilton. Tickets are \$50 and proceeds will be used to publicize their message to the voters of Oak Lawn.

Tuomey and Pappas have noted an overwhelming response to their candidacy and have been engaged in an active grass-roots campaign.



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## Oak Lawn Board of Trustees Meeting for February 27, 2001

Oak Lawn Board of Trustees Feb 27, 2001

By F.J. Soczek

The Mayor and Board of Trustees of Oak Lawn formally recognized two area men and the emergency medical response team credited with saving the life of a heart attack victim.

On January 27, Brian Cottrell, 31, of Oak Lawn and Ray Zulfer, 70, of Worth, employees of Plass Appliances on 95th St. in Oak Lawn observed a customer collapse in the aisle of the store.

They immediately called for medical assistance and Cottrell began performing CPR after noting the face of the stricken man was beginning to turn blue.

The emergency response team from the Oak Lawn Fire Dept. arrived in lightning speed, estimated at approximately two minutes.

The quick action taken by Cottrell and Zulfer, coupled with the follow up analysis and transportation to the hospital by the emergency responders clearly saved the life of off-duty Chicago firefighter Tony Diloroto.

Diloroto was present Tuesday night to thank Cottrell and Zulfer, along with the support team who made his very presence at the meeting possible.

Along with plaques presented to the Cottrell and Zulfer, the following Oak Lawn Fire Department employees were recognized: Irene Ruger, Team leader; Telecommunicator Laura

Skala, Ambulance Personnel, Christine Tregoning and Daniel Grenna, Firefighter Paramedics along with Timothy Radtke and Mark Cesario, Firefighter EMT's.

When asked comment on his heroic actions, Cottrell was modestly brief and to the point. "Learn CPR."

Commonwealth Edison representative Maureen Niswonger presented the Board with a favorable progress report regarding the frequency and duration of power outages sustained in recent years by the Village.

Niswonger became the liaison between the Village and Edison in 1998 after complaints by Board members were formally filed following repeated power failures.

Niswonger acknowledged service provided by Edison in the past was, in a truly literal sense, "not so hot."

In 1998, Oak Lawn residents averaged 2 outages per year, with an average duration of 350 minutes or 5.8 hours. At the time, the "average" outage duration for Com Ed customers was 4.5 hours.

Last year, Niswonger noted the frequency of outages in Oak Lawn was 1.4 occurrences per customer, with an average duration of 150 minutes; the Com Ed "average" is 1.5 occurrences, with a 145 minute duration.

Niswonger explained her quarterly meeting with Village officials allowed her to relay problem, "target" areas to Com Ed staff for focused attention.

"Our goal is to keep the lights on...We won't be in business very long if we don't," Niswonger explained.

Niswonger stated Com Ed has established a new policy in order to assure customers reported outages are being addressed in a timely manner. She noted 85% of all calls are answered in less than 30 seconds, and follow-up calls are made to all customers who reported problems with their service. Niswonger further noted her manager "Never wants to hear if a Village is satisfied with Com Ed service."

Such a response "Instills complacency," she explained. "He wants perfection...."

Trustee Wm. Keane extended the best wishes of the Village by recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Homestead Barr located at the corner of 93rd and Central.

The Homestead Barr has been operated by Ed Adomaitis and his family since March 8, 1951.

Several traffic control restrictions for the area adjacent Harnew School, 91st & Austin, were approved by the Board.

Stop signs will be installed for east and westbound traffic on 91st St. at Meade Ave, which will create a four-way stop at this intersection.

The stop sign regulating east and westbound traffic on 91st St. at McVicker will be removed, while the stop sign for southbound McVicker Ave. at 91st St. will remain.

Parking restrictions along the school property on the west side of Austin Ave. will be removed, and a bus loading zone will be created.

A no parking restriction during school hours will be placed on the west side of Meade Ave, from the south right-of-way line of 91st St. to a point 430 feet south.



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## Silver Beaver Award to Oak Lawn Resident

Oak Lawn Mayor Ernie Kolb congratulated Bill Egan on receiving the Silver Beaver Leadership Award, the highest distinction bestowed upon a Boy Scout Leader. Bill Egan was recognized on January 27, 2001 at the 2000 Chicago Area Council Annual Recognition Dinner. Bill has had an illustrious career in scouting and has been rec-

ognized over the years with numerous awards including Cub Scout Leaders Award, District Commissioner's Award and Scouting Hand of Service Award, to mention just a few.

One of Oak Lawn's own, Bill gives countless hours to the Boy Scouts of America Scouting Programs, serves on the Oak Lawn Fire & Police Commission and volunteers for Village activities. The Village of Oak Lawn is proud to salute Bill on his many achievements, especially being honored by the Boy Scouts of America.

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## Bridgeview Village Board Meeting of February 21, 2001

by Jude Coyle

At the February 21, 2001 Village of Bridgeview Board Meeting, Attorney Vincent Cainkar proposed an ordinance to dedicate the street next to K-Mart's parking lot as 79th Place. According to Attorney Cainkar, this piece of property is 250 feet x 35 feet, and runs to Oketo. It has never been owned. It is backed by condos and a collection point for trash cans. By dedicating this piece of property, the Village can begin to maintain it, and ultimately clean it up.

Four business licenses were approved. J.M. McGrath, 3902 Odell, is an overspray remover. Collision Graft Auto Body of 9002 S. Beloit, is a body shop. Archer Express, Inc. of 7352 W. 79th St., is a video rental and sales store. Orbit Tek Communications, Inc., 7267 W. 87th St. is a distributor of wireless technology, including Sprint, PCS, Dishnet, Etc.

Trustee Norma Pinion reported that the assessor from Lyons Township met with the Seniors that afternoon. She said that she wasn't able to attend, but that she had heard good reports. She promised that in the future, their will be more speakers.

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## NARFE next scheduled meeting

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1106, will hold their next meeting on March 21, 2001 at 10:00 am in the Oak Lawn Municipal Building located at 9446 Raymond Ave. (5300 West).

This non profit organization consists of retired federal employees, their spouses, survivors and current active employees who live in Southwest Chicago and the Southwest Suburbs. NARFE gives expert advice and service with the many questions retirement and pre-retirement brings.

If you are interested in joining or need more information, please join us at this meeting or call (708) 458-4990 or email me at jalter\_2000@yahoo.com.

A proclamation making the week of March 5 Severe Weather Preparedness Week. On March 6, at 10 am, a Statewide tornado drill will be conducted. Residents should be aware, though, that the Village will be testing its new tornado siren.

The Board approved payment of estimate #3 for \$8,526.06 for sidewalk removal and construction. This is the last payment of the year. The program for next year's sidewalk replacement program will be in April.

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## Auditors question Worth financial accounting

By: F.J. Soczek

The Certified Public Accounting firm of McGladrey and Pullen expressed concern over numerous Village accounting practices, some of which were considered "reportable" under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

As noted in a January 4, 2001 letter from the accounting firm, "Reportable" conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control that, in our judgement, could adversely affect the Village's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements."

McGladrey and Pullen further note that because of inherent limitations of internal control, "errors or fraud may nevertheless occur and not be detected." The auditors added future evaluations are subject to risk, since "changes in conditions or the degree of compliance may deteriorate."

The McGladrey and Pullen auditors discovered bank statements of the Village's pooled cash account were not properly reconciled to the general ledger for a majority of the fiscal year.



## Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum Ceremony

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka (third from left in front row) along with several other dignitaries participated in the groundbreaking ceremony of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois held on the 192nd anniversary of Lincoln's birthday. "The library will house one of the world's largest and most complete collections of Lincoln artifacts and documents, as well as state of the art exhibits. Construction of the library will be completed by late 2002 and the museum is predicted to be completed sometime in 2003," said Topinka. Photo by Teresa J. Potasiak.

The auditors noted interest earned on pooled cash accounts had not been properly allocated according to accepted accounting practices. Village journal entries reflected only part of the accrued interest.

It was noted monies were credited to a fund categorized as "04" or "Working Cash Fund," despite the fact the Board of Trustees abolished the latter in fiscal year 1999.

Auditors found the Village's billing and accounting policies relating to an agreement with Chicago Ridge "confusing." Motor Fuel Tax checking and pooled checking accounts are currently recorded in the same ledger, causing reconciliation difficulties.

It was recommended accounting procedures involving interfund loans be reclassified as transfers in order to eliminate large build-ups of loan balances on the trial balances of each of the sub funds.

Auditors found certain balances within the Special Assessments fund have not been changed during the fiscal year.

It was recommended the Village review those balances not associated with an ongoing project for either transfer to the general fund or repayment.

Also suggested was the creation of a "debt service schedule" which would include required payments on refunded bond issues to be paid by escrow agents.

The auditors indicated the Village Board currently receives a monthly report from Kemper, the golf course management company.

It was suggested all activity be recorded on the Village's general ledger on a monthly basis in order to provide "a full picture of the Village's financial position."

The exact "profitability" of the golf course has been a source of bitter debate among the Village trustees over the last year.

Trustee Edward Guzdziol has for some time urged a separate audit of the Water's Edge Golf Course be conducted, since the current financial document contains only several references to this complex new entity.

This may become more imperative should proceeds from future course receipts fail to increase at a rate proportionate to increasing debt obligations.

One of the recommendations noted in the letter includes a review of the duties currently performed by the Assistant Treasurer to determine which areas could be re-assigned to other employees.

Much of the time needed to prepare and record the necessary financial paperwork was being consumed administering the Village payroll.

Outsourcing the payroll duties of the Assistant Treasurer was also noted as a possible option.





The Evergreen Park Violence Committee held a meeting at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers to address domestic violence issues within the community. Committee members include (from left to right), standing: Tom Knox, Little Company Director of Security; Debrah Gename; Rev. Joseph R. Alfred, Immanuel United Church of Christ; Mary Grimm, R.N., Little Company of Mary/Baby Nurse Manager; Sister Margaret Christina, L.C.M., Little Company Vice President of Community Services; Dennis O'Dowd, Deputy Chief, Evergreen Park Police Department; Laura Shallow, Ban Financial. Sitting: Joanne Shere, Director of Case Management at Little Company; Rita Ryan and Diane Taurina White, Rainbow House, Beverly/Morgan Park; Nancy Gleaves, Gleaves Consultant.

## Evergreen Park Violence Awareness Committee to assist domestic abuse victims

The Evergreen Park Violence Awareness Committee, with the help of Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, continues to set up community wide policies to identify victims of domestic abuse and by working with the Evergreen Park community and especially the police department to encourage victims to report the crime.

"We need to identify victims who come out to the emergency room at Little Company," says Sister Margaret Christina Hoban, L.C.M., Vice President of Community Services at Little Company and member of the Domestic Violence Committee. "We don't want to lose anyone. While giving them the proper medical care we need to direct them to invaluable advocate resources that will help them feel empowered," continues Sister Margaret Christina.

Other initiatives include having cards from Rainbow House, a local victim's advocate group, accessible in the Little Company's emergency room bathrooms so victims can easily and discreetly get the phone number for help if needed. Also, by supplying the hospital with Rainbow

House palm cards and nail files -- that can be discreetly given to victims who visit the emergency room -- with the Rainbow House phone number imprinted on them.

Formed in 1996, the Committee was established in response to the growing numbers of domestic abuse cases. Statistics show that approximately 3 to 4 million American women are battered each year by their husbands.

The Committee proposes initiatives that will help Little Company and the Evergreen Park Police Department recognize and respond quickly to perceived domestic abuse cases and insure that the victim has access to advocate care.

## Military News

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Christopher D. Gierhahn, son of Vernetta and Walter Gierhahn of Oak Lawn, recently received a Letter of Commendation while assigned aboard the fleet ballistic missile submarine USS Maine (Gold), homeported in Kings Bay, GA.

## Honorees at Saint Xavier's 2001 President's Scholarship Ball

Saint Xavier University will honor Tom and Susan Carey of Hawthorne Race Course, at its annual President's Scholarship Ball on Friday, March 9, 2001 at Chicago's Drake Hotel.

The gala event, chaired by Darrell Jackson and Valencia Ray-Jackson, benefits Saint Xavier's President's Scholarship Program for academically outstanding students. Renee Ferguson of NBC5 will host this year's celebration.

Tom and Susan Carey will receive one of the University's highest honors, the Shield of Saint Xavier. The Shield is bestowed upon persons who support Saint Xavier's mission of academic excellence and social concern with their own quest for learning and commitment to service.

Caring for children is a way of life for Tom and Sue Carey. As the founders of the Learn to Earn program for Homeless and Abused Children, the Careys have helped support healthy, nurturing environments for children at risk. Together they have raised ten children, three of whom are fostered with full guardianship.

Mr. Carey has been President and General Manager of Hawthorne Race Course since 1980 and is the third generation of Careys to manage Hawthorne, which was built by his grandfather 1891. He is a partner with the Chicago law firm of Carey, Filter, White & Boland and serves as Chairman of the Board of South Shore Hospital, Chicago.

## Softball Leagues for Men and Women

The Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department is currently holding registration for the Men's and Women's 16" Softball Leagues. League play will consist of a 10 game schedule with the top 4 teams making the playoffs. The league play will begin the first part of May. The registration fee, if paid before April 13th, is \$520.00 per team. After April 13th the fee will be \$550.00. For more information please call (708) 43-4500.

## Radogno addresses conference on Medicaid

Because of her involvement in the fight to allow the working disabled to receive Medicaid benefits, State Senator Christine Radogno (R-LaGrange) was invited to speak at a national conference about her efforts in Illinois to create a Medicaid Buy-in Program.

Last weekend, the American Public Human Services Associations sponsored a conference in Washington DC and Sen. Radogno spoke about how to sell the idea of a Medicaid Buy-in Program for the working disabled to state legislatures.

"I was pleased to be selected as a speaker at a national conference," Radogno said. "We have to remove as many barriers as possible so that the disabled can become employed."

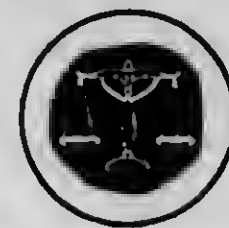
The Medicaid Buy-in Program allows working people

with disabilities to pay a premium to participate in their state's Medicaid program. It is designed to work like private insurance plans except that participants buy into the Medicaid program by paying a premium.

Radogno said that during the last session, the Legislature approved a \$10 million appropriation for the Illinois Department of Public Aid to set up a Medicaid Buy-in Program.

"It is wonderful that there are so many developmentally disabled citizens working but the sad reality that it is difficult for them to find affordable comprehensive health care," Radogno said. "The program we are developing in Illinois will go a long way toward giving the working disabled the comprehensive health care they need."

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### Update on Tuberculosis in suburban Cook County

A conference last year in suburban Cook County focused attention on efforts to control tuberculosis among the foreign born population of Illinois. Tuberculosis is a contagious lung disease which is transmitted from person to person through the air. TB is a disease that does not respect international borders and can affect individuals anywhere.

A report issued by the World Health Organization in 1998 identified 16 countries that are the source of over half of the world's seven million TB cases, resulting in three million deaths annually. Immigration from places such as India and Pakistan, Mexico, the Philippines, Poland and Korea has been associated with a number of cases identified by the Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis Sanitarium District (SCCTSD). Since 1996 almost half of all active TB cases treated in suburban Cook County involved foreign born individuals. In response to this development the District has targeted screening services to this high risk group.

In 1999 the District conducted 144 on site screening programs where almost 11,000 individuals were tested to determine if they had already been infected with the bacteria that causes the disease. Overall, 5.3% of those screened tested positive for latent TB infection, but the results vary from 0 to 30% depending on the population screened.

Screening for tuberculosis involves the injection of a small amount of testing material, called tuberculin, just under the top layer of the skin, usually on the inside of the forearm. The person getting the Mantoux test must return in 48 to 72 hours to see if there is a reaction at the site of the injection. Individuals who have a positive reaction on the tuberculin skin test carry the bacteria in their body, but are not contagious. The person's immune system fights the bacteria with spe-

cial cells which can stop the bacteria from growing and causing serious damage to body tissues. Most people who have TB infection never develop TB disease at some time in the future. Anyone who tests positive for TB infection is referred for a chest x-ray and can be evaluated at that time for participation in a program of preventive therapy for latent TB infection. Over 2,000 residents of suburban Cook County are currently enrolled in this program. This is one way to reduce the number of future cases of active TB. People who are diagnosed with an active case of TB disease usually have one or more symptoms. General symptoms may include feeling weak or sick, weight loss, fever and/or night sweats. Symptoms of TB in the lungs may include cough, chest pain, and/or coughing up blood. People with active disease can spread the infection to others when they cough, sneeze, talk or sing. Permanent body damage and a mortality rate of 33% can result from this disease unless it is treated with special medicines. Last year there were 141 cases of TB diseases diagnosed in residents of suburban Cook County. The oldest patient was 99 years old while the youngest was only five months.

Following the diagnosis of an active case, a field investigation is conducted to determine which individuals may have been in close contact with the patient during the infectious period. This involves notification of the patient's family, friends and co-workers without breaching the confidentiality of the patient's identity. Effective treatment of the disease with several medications begins immediately and is vital in preventing the spread of TB. Most cases are treated on an outpatient basis. Patients are isolated initially until it can be documented that they are no longer contagious. Other effective measures employed by the District include a pro-

gram of directly observed therapy where nurses routinely monitor and assure compliance with treatment regimens for all active cases. This program alleviates a major area of concern among public health professionals, which is the spread of drug resistant strains of TB. These strains develop when a case of tuberculosis is improperly or incompletely treated. Many areas of the world have significant rates of infection with these strains of bacteria. It is important that the United States continue to support international efforts to control TB. Failure to do so will imperil the health of many individuals who travel for business and pleasure.

The SCCTSD is committed to the local effort to reduce the number of cases of TB among residents. The district operates three walk in clinics in suburban Cook County that provide free screening services for all suburban residents. These clinics are located in Des Plaines, Forest Park and Harvey. Some services are available at the Evanston Civic Center on Mondays as well. The clinic in Harvey is located at 15948 S. Halsted and is open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays except Thursday when the hours are 10 am until 6:00 pm. The clinics offer the Mantoux skin test, chest x-rays, consultations with physicians and medications for treatment of TB infection and disease. No appointment is needed for a skin test or chest x-ray. Call the clinic at (708) 333-5630 for more information.

All services are offered at no charge to residents of suburban Cook County. Non residents employed in the district may be eligible to receive screening tests and x-rays at no charge if their employer requires this documentation. Health care workers are required to be screened annually at their place of employment. Other high risk occupational groups include correctional officers and some social service agency personnel. Individuals who are beginning employment in a school district are

also tested to make sure they are not at risk.

In the past few years many industries, churches and community agencies have requested an onsite screening program. Early detection of TB infection remains a key component of TB prevention and control. Please contact Margaret Rohter at (708) 497-2058 if you would like more information about setting up a screening program in your area of suburban Cook County.

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### Save money on medical insurance claims

Caution! Stifling and confusing insurance language, incorrect medical bills, and overcharged medical expenses may cause paper suffocation, gray hair, stomach pain, and unnecessary stress.

According to Patient Advocates for Lower Medical Bills, PALM, consumers can decrease their medical and patient liability on medical costs. Here are six tips to help consumers weed through medical bill confusion:

1. Understand your insurance coverage. Review your benefit book. Understand what is covered and what types of procedures need to be preapproved. This simple tip can save a great deal of time and money.

2. Be persistent. If your claims go ignored, keep calling and always write down the full name and phone number of the representative you spoke with.

3. Don't give up. If your claim is denied, do not stop there. File an appeal to get claims resolved. Understand the procedures in doing so and continue trying.

4. Make your physician work for you. If your insurance plan does not cover a particular test, have your physician write a letter to the medical review board of your insurance company stating why the procedure/test is necessary.

5. Take time to review your bills. There are often costly errors that are obvious if you just take the time to review them. If there is a charge that you do not understand, call a representative from your insurance company and ask questions.

6. Ask for an itemized bill. This helps to determine if mistakes were made or if you were overcharged for services that may or may not have been performed.

"With a hospital stay or extended treatment of an illness or medical problem, pa-

tients can incur large debts from percentages that are not covered by insurance," says A. J. Kapp, President of PALM. "Because there may be a series of bills from the hospital, the doctor, the anesthesiologist, etc., these bills become extremely difficult to manage and understand and often times patients pay the bills without analyzing the charges and without being aware that they may be able to negotiate these fees."

PALM was started by Kapp after he watched cancer take the lives of both of his parents. He first witnessed the frustration his mother went through in sorting through medical bills after his father passed away, and then helped his sister deal with the medical bills from their mother after cancer took her life.

In a recent case handled by PALM, Emma from Hanover Park lost her husband to lung cancer. The illness left behind more than \$16,000 in medical bills that the insurance company did not cover. PALM was contacted for assistance in handling the bills and within 30 days, the \$16,000 was renegotiated down to \$2,000 due to billing errors and the discovery that the wrong insurance carrier was being billed. Emma also received a reimbursement check for \$462 due to overpayment of a past hospital bill. For more information, call (312) 988-4825.

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## Hawkinson Ford helps bring art to the classroom

In an effort to bring creative expression to the students of St. John Fishers school, the Hawkinson Ford's Friends of the Community program matched \$1,048.00 raised through a fundraiser, to help enrich the lives of each and every student in the school.

The art program for St. John Fisher school was developed to teach the basic principles of art, introduce students to a wide range of materials and textures, allow students to work with both two dimensional and three dimensional projects, show students there is a correlation between their academic and art studies, and provide a nurturing environment in which to do so.

St. John Fisher school would also like to incorporate art history into the standard art program. The importance

of this is to show each student there is more than one way to approach a subject and to encourage each student to find their own creative expression. This results in a child who is more confident in their own abilities.

Due to severe financial constraints, St. John Fishers school doubted they would be able to bring the goal of an art program to the students. In an effort to raise funds, the school held a pizza dinner. The Hawkinson Ford's Friends of the Community program generously offered to match any amount raised. It was through this fundraiser, the school was able to raise \$1,048.00 of which Friends of the Community matched, bringing the grand total to \$2,096.00. Without the financial assistance from Friends of the Community, the dream of



bringing art to every student would never become a reality.

Friends of the Community is a community relations effort of Hawkinson Ford in Oak Lawn to assist area schools and not for profit organizations in the community. Hawkinson Ford was established in 1961 by Robert R. Hawkinson and is now run by his four sons and their wives. The dealership continues to be the number one Ford dealer in Illinois. Visit Hawkinson Ford on the web @ [www.hawkinsonford.com](http://www.hawkinsonford.com).

## Child protection legislation approved

The Senate Judiciary Committee has unanimously approved legislation sponsored by State Senator Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park) to expand the circle of protection for children and young adults who have had an order of protection issued on their behalf.

Senate Bill 187 requires that day care facilities and schools, including colleges, receive written notification within 24 hours from the clerk of the court when there is an order of protection issued for any student. Language has been incorporated with the legislation to address the concerns of the Coalition Against Domestic Violence in order to protect the privacy of victims.

"The Protect Our Children legislation adds a necessary layer of protection to an order of protection by shielding children when they are outside the care and protection of their home. The legislation also eliminates the confusion surrounding orders of protection by making it clear to the facility when a valid order of protection is in effect," O'Malley said.

Senate Bill 187 is based on the "Protect Our Children" program in Flanagan and Livingston County, which was developed in November 1999 by Jay Brainard,

Director of Crisis Management for Flanagan Community Unit #4 Schools, and Thomas Brown, Livingston County State's Attorney.

O'Malley is working with Brainard and the Illinois State Crime Commission on the legislation, which has been endorsed by schools, law enforcement and child advocates across the state, as well as the Polly Klaas Foundation and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee Feb. 27 on behalf of the legislation were Brainard and Jerry Elsner, Executive Director of the Illinois State Crime Commission.

"We felt that schools being primary care givers of children were at risk as far as having the element of a child abduction occurring without knowing if a parent or guardian becomes noncustodial. So we adopted this program in Livingston County and expanded that to include all of our 34 schools. In the first two to three months of this program being in effect in Livingston County, we had 22 notifications that would previously have gone unreported," Brainard said.

Current state law does not mandate any notification system for schools when a pupil is protected by an order of

protection. "When we studied this bill, we found absolutely no down side to it," said Jerry Elsner, Executive Director of the Illinois State Crime Commission. "It protects children. It protects victims of sexual violence. It protects victims of domestic violence."

Senate Bill 187 requires day care facilities and schools that transfer a student or child to another day care facility or school to notify the new day care facility or school within 24 hours of any valid order of protection that exists with respect to the transferring student or child. The bill also allows petitioners who transfer their protected students or children to a new day care facility or school to notify the circuit clerk so the clerk can notify the new day care facility or school of the valid order of protection. The bill now moves to the full Senate for further consideration.

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## Library offers Children's Trading Card Day

Children ages five through 14 are invited to participate in "Trading Card Day" Saturday, March 17 at 2:00 to 3:00 pm at the Oak Lawn Public Library 5300 W. 95th Street. Registration for reserved trading space is now underway at the Youth Services Desk. Limited space is available. Preference will be given to Oak Lawn residents and students.

Are you an avid Pokemon and Digimon card collector?

No matter what their age, most Americans agree that travel is the best way to take a break.

Maybe you like sports figure cards or beanbag stuffed animals. Bring your collections and be ready to trade with other collectors. Buying and selling is not allowed.

For more information about this and other

children's programs, call the library's Youth Service Department, (708) 422-4990, stop in to pick up a Youth Services program booklet or visit the library's web site, [www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

## Evergreen Plaza kids around with KidStuff activities

Evergreen Plaza, 9500 S. Western Avenue, Evergreen Park, likes to kid around when it comes serving families, that's why free KidStuff activities have become the center of attention for learning new skills or just plain having fun.

On Mondays in March from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, kids age 5 to 12 are invited to participate in a Drum Percussion Workshop hosted by the Beverly Art Center (BAC). BAC instructor, Orisegun Maurice Bennett-Olomidum will teach traditional and improvisational African, Latin and urban drumming techniques. Participants should bring a drum.

Children of all ages will enjoy a warm and fuzzy visit at the Easter Babies Animal Farm, Saturdays,

April 7 and 14, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Farm residents include chicks, bunnies, goats, sheep and ducks. Each child visitor will receive an "eggceptional" surprise.

The Easter Bunny arrives at Evergreen Plaza, March 31 through April 14, and will receive visitors daily during mall hours. Proud parents can purchase a professional photo or bring a camera and take their own snapshot.

KidStuff activities take place in the Evergreen Plaza Center Square, lower level. Parents or other adults must remain on site at Evergreen Plaza during workshops or activities. For additional information on these and Evergreen Plaza events or programs, please call Guest Services at (708) 952-5640.

## Kid Stuff

Evergreen Plaza likes to kid around--with the hottest looks in town for wearing, plus some super fun children's classes and events for sharing. So stop in, shop, and let the kids be entertained with the following:

**Drum Percussion Workshop** Hosted by Beverly Art Center  
Every Monday in March, 3:30p.m. - 4:30p.m., Center Square, Lower Level  
Kids, age 5 to 12, are invited to bring a drum and get into the beat. BAC Instructor Orisegun Maurice Bennett-Olomidum will inspire during each session with teachings of traditional and improvisational African, Latin and urban percussion drumming. Come to one workshop or come to all, each child is sure to have a ball!

**Easter Babies Animal Farm**  
Saturday, April 7 and April 14, 11a.m. - 1p.m., Center Square, Lower Level  
Children of all ages are invited for an up-close encounter with a warm & fuzzy bunch of baby animals that include chicks 'n bunnies, goats 'n sheep 'n ducks ... Oh My! Plus, kids who stop on by will receive an "eggceptional" surprise.

**"Hop-Along" Easter Bunny Visit**  
Daily starting in early April, Mall Hours, Center Square, Lower Level  
Everyone's favorite bunny will be available for visits. Professional photo services are available for a fee or guests are invited to take snapshots on their own.

Plus, while kids are hard at play, remember to fill your basket with children's selections that are available at the Plaza's fine stores.

All above events are Free. Parent/Adult must remain on-site at Evergreen Plaza during workshops/activities--no drop offs.





# Theater Alive

by Georgan Fitzgerald

The Beverly Theatre Guild first hit the boards (the stage) in Chicago Parks: Marquette, Graver and Ridge. It has been producing live theater since 1963, but their roots actually go back to 1929 when the group started as a program of the Chicago Park District.

In 1963 a group of theatre regulars decided to branch out in the belief that they could experiment and prosper independently.

On May 17, 1963 the new Beverly Theatre Guild launched a production of "The Desk Set" on the stage at St. Xavier College. Thereafter productions followed at schools and restaurants as the Guild looked for a permanent home. Joining with other community organizations, it supported the creation and building of the Beverly Art Center on 111th Street in Chicago. The new stage was inaugurated in 1969 with a production of "Light Up the Sky."

Since then the Beverly Theatre Guild has been producing a musical, a comedy and a drama annually. This season began with the chilling drama "The Bad Seed," adapted from a novel by Maxwell Anderson. Following auditions February 22, 25 and 26, their next production will be the classic "The Philadelphia Story" by Phillip Barry. It will be presented at the Beverly Art Center on April 27, 28 and 29 with auditions on February 22, 25 and 26. For more information you may call (312) 409-2705.

## Worth Seeing:

"Chorus Line," Presented by The Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation. Playing at The Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th St., in Chicago, (773) 445-3838. Show dates: March 23 and 24 at 8:00 pm and March 24 and 25 at 3:00 pm.



Oak Lawn's Joel Craig will play Curley McLain and Chicago's Dawn Schnolis will play Laurey Williams in the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's spring production of "Oklahoma." Photo by Bob Brodsky.

## Oklahoma in Oak Lawn

Tickets are now on sale for the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's production of the classic musical, Oklahoma. The musical first appeared on Broadway in 1943 as the first collaborative work of musical greats, Oscar Hammerstein II and Richard Rodgers.

The Oak Lawn production will star Chicago's Dawn Schnolis as Laurey Williams, Oak Lawn's Joel Craig as Curley McLain and Oak Lawn's John Boss as Jud Fry. Schnolis and Craig were most recently seen on the Oak Lawn stage as Annie Oakley and Frank Butler, respectively, in the late summer production of Annie Get Your Gun. Boss starred as the devil, Mr. Applegate, last March in Oak Lawn's production of Damn Yankees.

According to Producer Gerry Deder, the plot of Oklahoma revolves around the question of who will take Williams to a main social event: the decent McLain or the sinister Fry. It features popular songs, as "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning" and

"Oklahoma."

This production will be held in March at the park district's Oakview Center, 4625 W. 110th Street, which will offer newly installed retractable theater seats for its patrons.

The show's director and choreographer is Charlie Misovye, the assistant director is Erica Heilmann, the musical director is Liz Griffin, the conductor is Bill Hansen and the set designer is Gil Oliva. Veteran performer Paul Nirchi is the show's executive producer.

Performances of Oklahoma are scheduled for March 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17 at 8:00 pm, and March 11 and 18 at 3:00 pm at the Oakview Center. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors and \$13 for children. For more information or to reserve tickets, call the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2200.

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## Spring Pixie school class

The Worth Township Youth Commission is accepting registration for its Spring Pixie School Class. The Spring Session will run Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning March 13 - May 10, 2001. Open registration will be March 5 through March 9, 2001.

The morning class is 9:00 am to 11:30 am, afternoon class is 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. The cost of is \$75.00 for a township resident and \$100.00 for a non township resident. Children must be 3 to 5 years old and must be toilet trained. Call 371-2900, ext. 45 for further information.

## AM Step Class Session II

A second session of the AM Step Class begins March 20 through March 24. This is a Tuesday and/or Thursday class from 8:45 am to 9:45 am. Age's 18 years and older are welcome. Fee for residents for two days a week (Tuesday or Thursday) is \$24.75, non residents is \$29.75. Fee for residents for two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday) is \$44.50, non residents is \$49.50.

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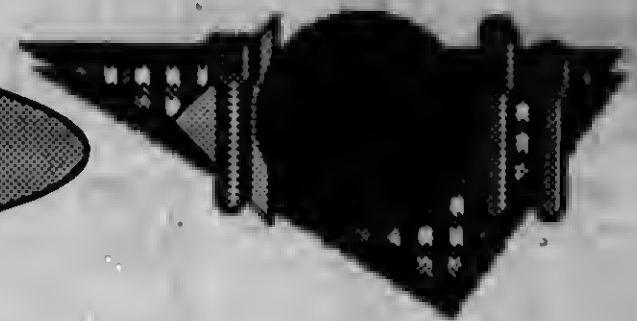
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## \$10,000 sweet taste of cinnamon wins contest

A little patience, persistence and, of course, a delicious recipe were all that were needed by Priscilla Yee of Concord, California. While searching for an easier, quicker way to make cinnamon buns, Yee came up with a Cinnamon Bun Scones that captured the \$10,000 grand prize in the 11th Annual Quaker Oatmeal "Bake it Better With Oats" Recipe Contest.

Contributing to the surprise is the fact that Yee has entered the Quaker Oats contest nearly every year for the past 10 years.

2 cups all purpose flour  
1 cup Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)  
1/4 cup and 2 tablespoons granulated sugar, divided  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
8 tablespoons (1 stick)

butter or margarine, chilled and cut into pieces  
3/4 cup whole or 2% milk  
1 egg, lightly beaten  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 cup toasted chopped pecans  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

**GLAZE**  
3/4 cup powdered sugar  
3 to 4 teaspoons orange juice or milk

### Directions:

2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 cup dried currants  
1 teaspoon caraway seed  
1 1/2 cups buttermilk

### Directions:

In a large bowl stir together the flour, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and 1 teaspoon salt. Stir in the currants and caraway seed. Add buttermilk; stir till the dry ingredients are moistened. Turn into a greased 8 x 1 1/2" inch round baking pan. Bake at 350° till browned, about 40 minutes. Cool 10 minutes

Heat oven to 425°. Spray cookie sheet with cooking spray.

In large bowl, combine flour, oats, 1/4 cup granulated sugar, baking powder and salt; mix well. Cut in butter with pastry blender or two knives until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. In small bowl, combine milk, egg and vanilla; blend well. Add to dry ingredients all at once; stir with a fork or rubber spatula just until dry ingredients are moistened. In small bowl, combine remaining 2 tablespoons granulated sugar with the pecans and cinnamon; mix well. Sprinkle evenly over dough in bowl; gently stir batter to swirl in cinnamon mixture (Do not blend completely.) Drop dough by 1/4 cupfuls 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.

Bake 11 to 13 minutes or until golden brown. Remove to wire rack; cool 5 minutes. In small bowl, combine powdered sugar and enough orange juice for desired consistency; mix until smooth. Drizzle over tops of warm scones. Serve warm.



Cinnamon Bun Scones are also a real time saver. Not only do they use ingredients most cooks have on hand, but

they are ready to eat in 30 minutes and provide the whole grain goodness of oats in every delicious bite.

## Hooray for the Irish on their day

Irish immigrants, driven from their land by the potato famine, brought us Irish Soda Bread.

Because there was a shortage of wood for fuel in Ireland, this bread was traditionally baked over a smoldering open peat fire.

In America the recipe was changed slightly so it could be baked in an oven.

### Irish Coffee

#### Ingredients:

1 jigger Irish whiskey (1 1/2 oz.)

1 to 2 teaspoons sugar  
Hot strong coffee  
Whipped cream

### Directions:

Pour whiskey into serving glass or mug. Add sugar; stir to dissolve. Fill glass with hot coffee. Top with whipped cream. Makes 1 serving.

### Irish Soda Bread

#### Ingredients:

3 cups all purpose flour  
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#### Ingredients:

1 medium onion, chopped  
1/2 green pepper, chopped  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 tablespoons oil  
1 28-oz. can tomatoes  
1 6-oz. can tomato paste  
1/4 cup minced parsley  
1/2 teaspoon oregano  
1 bay leaf  
1/2 16-oz. box lasagne noodles  
1 10-oz. pkg. frozen chopped spinach, cooked and drained

1 pound ricotta cheese  
1 egg  
3/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1/2 pound mozzarella cheese, grated  
Saute onions, green pep-

pers, and garlic in oil until golden, stirring often. Stir in tomatoes, tomato paste, parsley, oregano, and bay leaf. Simmer uncovered for 20 minutes. Cook noodles according to package directions and drain. Combine spinach, ricotta, egg, 1/4 cup of Parmesan cheese, salt, and pepper. Spoon a third of the tomato sauce in bottom of 2 quart flat baking pan. Layer a third of the lasagne noodles, half of the spinach-ricotta filling, half of the mozzarella and 1/4 cup of the Parmesan.

Repeat layers using half of the remaining sauce and noodles, and all remaining filling. Top with remaining noodles, sauce, Parmesan and mozzarella. Cover tightly and freeze or refrigerate. Bring to room temperature. Preheat oven to 350°.

Bake, covered, for 45 minutes; uncover and continue baking for 20 minutes. Let stand a few minutes

**Ingredients:**  
4 extra large eggs  
3/4 cup sugar  
3/4 teaspoon vanilla  
6 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa  
1/3 cup finely ground almonds, toasted  
2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons all purpose flour  
1 stick unsalted butter, melted

### Chocolate Mousse Frosting Ingredients:

5 oz. bittersweet chocolate  
2 tablespoons milk  
1 teaspoon instant coffee powder  
2 eggs, separated  
1/3 cups sugar  
2 tablespoons water  
1/2 cup heavy cream  
8-16 oz. ounces bittersweet chocolate, grated

Preheat oven to 375°. Oil 4 1/2" x 13", 5" x 12", or 5" x 14" pan (about 3 inches deep). Line with wax paper. Spread paper lightly with butter and sprinkle with a little flour.

Beat eggs, sugar, and vanilla together at a high speed until very light and fluffy (about 10 minutes). Combine cocoa, almonds, and flour in a bowl and beat a few times

with a wire whisk. Add to egg mixture, a little at a time, folding gently with spatula. Slowly add melted butter, folding in gently. Do not over mix. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 20-25 minutes, or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool in pan 5 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely on rack.

**Frosting:** Melt chocolate with milk and coffee in top of double boiler. Remove from heat and stir some of mixture into egg yolks. Add yolk mixture to chocolate, return to heat and stir until thick and shiny (about 2 minutes). Remove from heat and turn into 2 quart bowl. Combine sugar and water in small saucepan and heat to soft ball stage (230° - 234°).

While syrup is still heating, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Slowly pour hot syrup into egg whites, beating constantly until stiff shiny peaks are formed. Fold into chocolate mixture. Whip cream and gently fold into frosting. Chill overnight.

**To assemble:** Coat top and sides of cake with frosting. Gently press chocolate shavings into frosting, covering top and sides generously.

## Company Chocolate Cake



## Biblical Wisdom

### Passages Raise The Spirits Of The Homeless

"Yet hope returns when I remember one thing: The Lord's unfailing love and mercy still continue, fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise. The Lord is all I have, and so in him I put my hope."

—Lamentations 3:21-24  
(NAPS)—On any given night, an estimated 470,000 Americans are homeless. Many of these individuals are looking to lift their spirits, and the Bible can help, providing guidance and inspiration.

The Scriptures show that time and time again, God has reached out to the poor, the homeless and the suffering to sustain them and give them hope. Now many of these passages have been collected in a free booklet, designed to remind people of their great worth in God's eyes—even when they have given up on themselves.

The booklet, *God Is Always With You*, was compiled by the American Bible Society. It contains some of the most powerful words from the Scriptures, which are meant to be shared with anyone who needs them.

As the homeless read and think about the Bible's promises and words of hope, they may find faith and renewed strength to carry on, confident in the knowledge that God is always there.

The booklet is divided into four sections, accompanied by passages from the Old and New Testaments. Each sec-



The Bible offers words of inspiration and hope for the homeless.

tion addresses different aspects of the homeless experience, offering both consolation and consideration, which individuals may interpret to suit their specific situations.

The American Bible Society suggests that *God Is Always With You* be shared with homeless shelters, soup kitchens, churches and social service organizations. The publication provides a wealth of material and information to give comfort to those in need.

To obtain a free copy of *God Is Always With You*, write to the American Bible Society, Scripture Resources Fulfillment, 1865 Broadway, New York, NY 10023, or fax a request to 212-408-1554 or e-mail [srf@americanbible.org](mailto:srf@americanbible.org). Be sure to include your name, address and the name of the publication.

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## Protecting Our Youth

### A Safer Learning Environment

(NAPS)—Critical information developed by recognized experts to help educators and legislators—and parents—create safer learning environments for America's youth is available at a unique Web site.

Designed to function as a solutions-driven site, [www.USSafeschools.org](http://www.USSafeschools.org) provides an easy-to-follow, five-step template that lets administrators objectively assess a facility's current security measures, as well as identify areas where improvements are needed.

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The safe school assessment template has been used successfully in educational facil-

ities ranging from pre-schools to universities in California, Texas, Arizona, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Indiana, Illinois, Colorado, Ken-



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tucky and Missouri. The security assessment template was developed by a group of concerned organizations, led by Ingersoll-Rand Company, a

## Flutes Unlimited

Flutes Unlimited will sponsor a Flute Choir Clinic Day on March 29, 2001 from 3:00 to 8:00 pm at Mother McAuley High School, 3737 W. 99th Street, Chicago. All 5th through 12th grade flutists are welcome. The clinic will consist of several different workshops which will focus on things like the different instruments of the flute family, tone production and technique, and playing in a flute ensemble.

The cost is \$25.00 for pre-registration and \$30.00 for registration at the door. This includes the cost of the clinic, pizza dinner, a Flutes Unlimited T-shirt to keep and wear at the concert given by all the participants along with members of Flutes

Unlimited for an open concert at the end of the day. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the flute family and performing in a flute choir.

For more information, please call Flutes Unlimited at (773) 298-3420, or Jodi McLawhorn at (708) 346-0838, or email us at [flutesunlimited@woodwinds.com](mailto:flutesunlimited@woodwinds.com), or visit our website at [www.flutesunlimited.org](http://www.flutesunlimited.org). Students wishing to pre-register can do so by mailing their name, address, phone number, age, grade level, email address along with a \$25 check payable to Flutes Unlimited, St. Xavier University, 3700 W. 103rd, Chicago, IL 60655-3199. The deadline is March 20, 2001.

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## Consumer Corner

### Packing Tips Make Travel Easier

(NAPS)—Travel can be easier if people follow a few simple tips that take the hassle out of packing, luggage experts say.

## INSURING HEROES

### Risking Their Lives For The Protection Of Others

(NAPS)—More than 150 law enforcement officers across the nation were killed in the line of duty during 2000. This represents more than a ten percent rise in police fatalities over the previous year.

There were 151 federal, state and local law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty during the past year, according to preliminary figures recently released by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS). That is 13 percent higher than the 134 officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in 1999.

Of the 151 officers who were killed during the past year, 51 were shot to death; 47 died in automobile accidents; 20 were struck by automobiles while outside of their own vehicles; eight died in motorcycle accidents; seven were killed in aircraft accidents; six succumbed to job-related illnesses; three drowned; three died in falls; two were stabbed; one died in a bicycle accident; one officer was killed in an accident involving a horse; one was beaten to death; and one officer died in a bomb-related incident. Texas was the deadliest state in the nation over

the past year for police officers with 14 fatalities; followed by California with 11; and Georgia and Tennessee with 10 each. Six of the officers killed during the past year were women.

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"Despite improved equipment and better training, law enforcement remains the deadliest profession in America," declared NLEOMF Chairman Craig W. Floyd. On average, he noted, one police officer is killed somewhere in our country every 57 hours. There are also 62,000 assaults committed against our officers every year, resulting in more than 21,000 injuries. Dating back to the first law enforcement fatality in 1792, more than 15,000 officers have lost their lives in the line of duty.

"The sacrifices made by our police officers, and their families, are too often taken for granted," observed COPS National President Molly Winters. "Not a day goes by that an officer does not risk his or her life for the safety and protection of others."

For additional information about the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, call 202-737-3400 or visit their Web site at [www.nleomf.com](http://www.nleomf.com).

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- The American Payroll Association at [www.nationalpayrollweek.org](http://www.nationalpayrollweek.org).
- The Alexis de Tocqueville Institution—a public policy think tank—at [www.adti.net](http://www.adti.net).
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## Stress Diet A Little Humor

### Breakfast:

1/2 grapefruit  
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8 oz. skim milk

### Lunch:

4 oz. lean broiled chicken breast  
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1 Oreo cookie  
Herb tea

### Mid-afternoon Snack:

Rest of the package of Oreos  
1 quart Rocky Road ice cream  
1 jar hot fudge

### Dinner:

2 loaves garlic bread  
Large pepperoni and mushroom pizza  
Large pitcher of beer  
3 Milky Way candy bars  
Entire frozen cheesecake (eaten directly from the freezer)

### Diet Tips:

1. If no one sees you eat it, it has no calories.
2. If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar, they cancel each other.
3. When eating with someone else, calories don't count if you both eat the same amount.
4. Food used for medicinal purposes NEVER counts. Examples are hot chocolate, brandy, toast, and Sara Lee cheesecake.
5. If you fatten up everyone else, you'll look thinner.
6. Movie related foods don't count because they are classified as entertainment. Examples are Milk Duds, popcorn with butter, and Junior Mints.

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Your Smile Says it All

# A Touch O' Irish letter from Chicago

by Jacquee Thomas

It was one of Chicago's bitter winter days. A friend and I took shelter for a few toasts at the Greenhouse Lounge on the 12th floor of the Ritz Carlton Hotel, then bundled up to go back outside. Mrs. Murphy was in the elevator when we entered. She had sparkling eyes, a strong smile and white hair; she wore a white coat and white boots.

She chatted with us as we descended to the lobby. Before we departed, she pressed a dollar coin in my palm. "That was blessed by the Blarney Stone," she told me.

Blarney is a village in Ireland, and the Blarney Stone is set in the wall of the Blarney Castle. It is said to give visitors the gift of persuasive eloquence or good luck, depending on whom you talk to.

I thought of Mrs. Murphy when I realized St. Patrick's day is just around the bend.

In Chicago, it's best to see this holiday coming. Anyone who spills onto one of the city's thoroughfares on St. Patrick's day is officially Irish. Those unwary might be swept into a mob as it parades into a pub with an Irish name, or at the very least, a pub with a shamrock in the window.

When I first moved to Chicago, I rode the waves every March, but this year I'm going to be proactive.

Here are some festivities I'm considering:

March 8 -- the Irish Rovers play at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Avenue, at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$25. Box office: (773) 282-7035.

March 11 -- the 23rd annual South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade starts at 103rd and Western, in the Beverly neighborhood.

The parade begins at noon. The St. Patrick's Day party disperses into the neighborhood before, during and after. Most pubs up and down the parade route will remove all their furniture to make room for all the Irish spirits. At Keegan's pub, 10618 S. Western, the bartenders can pour a Guinness so a shape of a shamrock rises out of the foam. For more information about the parade, call (773) 238-8766.

March 11 -- The Forge, just below Chicago's south border at 3400 W. 127th Street, has live Irish music: Joe Monahan from 3 to 7 and the Larkin Brothers from 7 to 11.

The Forge is in a 140 year old rehabbed building owned

by Mary Lacey from County Longford, in the midlands of Ireland. This place offers live Irish music all year round. For more information, call (708) 3788-7919.

March 12-17 -- Govnor's Pub, 207 N. State, hosts its St. Pat's Bash, a one week celebration. Drink specials begin Sunday. The first green beer arrives Thursday.

On St. Patrick's Day they host a party from 9:00 am till the wee hours of the next morning. Every drink is \$5. Irish souvenirs are for sale, and there's a chance to win prizes. Murray Rosenbush, the floor manager, says they're expecting a mammoth crowd, bigger than they have on New Year's. He recommends arriving early. For more info, call (312) 236-3696.

March 17 -- the 2001 Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade starts at noon. It goes from Columbus Drive to Monroe, to Balbo. For more information, call (312) 744-3370.

March 17 -- Irish American Heritage Center's 15th Annual St. Patrick's Day Festival, 4626 N. Knox Avenue, 1:00 pm to midnight.

The festival features traditional Irish entertainment

and food, dancing schools, and a children's room (1-5:30). Tickets are \$12, not including food. Box office: (773) 282-7035.

This place has live Irish music every Friday and Saturday night in their Fifth Province Lounge, and will host Friday fish fries during lent.

March 17 -- Joe Monahan plays from 8:00 pm to 1:00 am at The Forge, 3400 W. 127th Street. For more information, call (708) 388-7919.

My dad tells me I have a wee bit o' Irish in my blood, not that that's required to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. But I'll use it to make a small claim on Irish pride.

And thanks to Mrs. Murphy I have a coin blessed by Irish magic. I'm going to bring it along as I celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Hopefully, it will bring me good luck. I'll need it to remain persuasive and eloquent after a few shamrock Guinneses.

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With Internet access computers, a phone bank, videos, print materials, and a staff trained in accessing employment and vocational opportunities, the Moraine Valley IETC can aid dislocated workers in making a fresh start.

Funding for the center comes from the federal government through the Cook County President's Office of Employment Training.

Three programs, all without cost to the participant, are available.

\*Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program - offers self access services, assessment of skills and job search

assistance to any individual For those whose situation requires retraining, assistance with securing training funds is available.

\*The Displaced Homemaker Program offers financial assistance for tuition, books, childcare, and transportation to divorced women who no longer receive income from their ex husbands.

\*The Advancing Opportunities Program offers welfare recipients access to vocational training and, in some cases, financial assistance.

The center is located in the Center for Contemporary Technology on the Moraine Valley campus. For information on the IETC call 974-5738 or visit the college's website at

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## Dear Editor

It is unfair and unwise to use \$5750,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds, which was authorized by the Illinois Department of Transportation, to build a new road for the deserving residents of 115th Street who have been lied to and shuffled around for the last 2 years like second rate citizens.

We need our current allotment of MFT funds, approximately \$300,000 per year, to maintain and rebuild streets and other infrastructure throughout the entire village.

This all important project should be paid for with the dubious profits from the "cash cow" golf course that Mayor Bilder continually boasts about.

The Administration's financial planners and consultants seem unqualified or unwilling to act in the best interest of the overburdened, tax weary Public.

Dan Kumingo  
Former Mayor of Worth

## Dear Editor

I attended the "mini open house" at the new Harnew Elementary School in District 122. Wow! The new Harnew is a beautiful building for our children. Although the old sections are still under construction, the new section is very telling of the innovative, long needed ideas that the school board has brought to this excellent facility. Our schools have been providing an excellent education, and yet, the buildings have been in great need of repair and remodeling. This new school is bright, clean, new, spacious, and inviting. What a great environment to learn in!

Unfortunately, the 'open house' was marred by some thoughtless individuals who used the opportunity to picket in the school. School board member Eugene Osmanski and his running mates, Dan Risley, Jacki Chigas and Bob Hansen paraded the halls passing out campaign buttons and soliciting support right there in the classrooms of this fine new facility. I am saddened that the Board of Education would allow this activity. We should keep politics out of the schools and focus on educating the children of this rapidly progressing district.

A. L. Paulus



John Masakaitis, Christina Velasquez, Chicago Lawn; Tony Rossignuolo, Lucia Ramirez, Chicago Lawn; Sr. Josita Krzeminski; Norm Kirst, Eva Mykos, Archer Hts.; John Swan.

## VFW Awarded to Lourdes Students

Lourdes High School, 4034 W. 56th St., and Principal Sr. Josita Krzeminski SSJ TOSF are very pleased to announce that Junior Christina Velasquez took 3rd Place in the VFW district "Voice of Democracy" contest. Ms. Velasquez was sponsored by VFW Post 177 now located at 103rd and Ridgeland Ave. in Chicago Ridge but formerly located at 59th and Kedzie in Chicago.

At the school level Christina Velasquez took 1st place, Lucia Ramirez 2nd place and Eva Mykos 3rd Place.

Encouraged by American Studies teacher Patricia Kozubowski, students were asked to submit an audio tape that presented their interpretation of the contest theme, "What Price Freedom?"

John Swan, Chairman; Norm Kirst, Past Commander; John Masakaitis, Inspector; and Tony Rossignuolo, Senior Vice Commander of VFW Post 177 visited Lourdes to present winners with certificates and savings bonds.

## The 12 week family to family education course

This course is designed for families of persons suffering with severe mental illness. We will discuss about the biologic bases of Schizophrenia, Bipolar and Depressive illnesses, Panic Disorder, and Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder; Medications/Side effects and problems with compliance; Listening, communicating, and problem solving; self care; community services; advocacy; treatment options and recovery.

Classes start Tuesday, April 3, 2001 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at Mary Potter Pavillion, Little Company of Mary Hospital, 2850 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park.

Please contact Julie (773) 238-5590 or Kathy (708) 422-0074.

Trained NAMI (Alliance for the Mentally Ill) family members teach this series of 12 weekly classes free of charge, funded by a grant from the Department of Human Services since 1993.

Registration required; class limited to 20.

## The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland next meeting scheduled

The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland invites the public to join them for a discussion on the planned extension of the I-355 Tollway into the southwest suburbs. Miss Nancy Wagner from the Environmental Law and Policy Center in Chicago will join Mr. Pete Hormet from the Illinois Department of Transportation to discuss the pros and cons of extending the tollway.

The meeting will be held in the Palos Heights Recreation Center located 6601 W. 127th Street in Palos Heights on Saturday, March 10, 2001. Coffee will be served at 9:00 am and the meeting begins promptly at 9:30 am. For more information, please call Merna Trotter at (708) 532-0184.

## Irish vocalist Tony Kelliher to perform

President William Nolan, Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge #7, has announced that Tony Kelliher, the famous Irish vocalist from Tralee, County Kerry, will appear in Chicago, Saturday, March 17, 2001.

Kelliher will perform at the Fraternal Order of Police Headquarters, 1412 W. Washington Boulevard in

Chicago. The show gets underway at 5:00 pm. Kelliher, known as "Ireland's #1 Ambassador of Entertainment," can be seen and heard on both Irish and American television and radio. He is presently appearing in Washington, DC.

The ticket price of \$20.00 includes entertainment and refreshments, with all profits going toward the Memorial Monument Fund. For ticket reservations, please call the Fraternal Order of Police Headquarters, (312) 733-7776.

## Oak Lawn High School art students winners at Studio 99

Four Oak Lawn Community High School students recently had a gallery exhibit of their work at Studio 99 in Blue Island. Matt Eary, Sarah Grana, Sherri O'Conner and Andrea Walsh had their artwork on exhibit. The gallery invitational show exhibited the works of 25 area high school and elementary students and was open to the public from February 16-18,

2001, with the show opening and awards on the 16th.

Matt Eary won Best of Show and \$25.00 and Sarah Grana won 2nd Place for the Student Choice award and an art book. All of the artwork was professionally mounted by the gallery and was a terrific way to showcase student works.

Studio 99 opened the gallery up to area students to make the public more aware of local talent in the visual arts. The exhibit was well attended; especially opening night where the student artists were present and the public could ask them about their work. Studio 99 is located at 412 James Street in Blue Island.

## The Lions Club of Evergreen Park

The Lions Club of Evergreen Park is celebrating their 50th year of service to the community this year. Recently, Saturday, February 17th, 2001, the club honored the two remaining Charter Members Martin Ozinga and Eugene Herr at a dinner dance commemorating this achievement. Attending the event were all the members of the club and several dignitaries from community and other Lions clubs in the area.

Upcoming events are the 48th Annual Pancake Breakfast to be held on Saturday, March 10 from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm at Evergreen Park High School at 99th & Kedzie. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. Tickets will be available at the door. The Pancake Breakfast is the main fundraiser of the Lions Club of Evergreen Park for its many endeavors.

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## Craft Classes

**Organizing Yesterday** (Scrap booking class) -- held two Fridays a month from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Age's teen to adult are welcome. Fee for residents is \$10.00, non residents is \$15.00 (per session).

**Hop on Down** -- held on Monday, March 26 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Age's 6-8 years old are welcome. Fee for residents is \$5.00, non residents is \$10.00.

**In Your Easter Bonnet** -- held on Tuesday, March 13 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Age's teen through adult are welcome. Fee for residents is \$15.00, non residents is \$20.00. Secure a spot by registering early at the Palos Hills Park Department.

## Brother Rice to host Sports Card Show

Brother Rice High School, 10001 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago, will host a sports card show Sunday, March 11 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Admission is \$1.00. Children under seven and under are admitted free. For more information, contact Ed Kalata at (708) 636-8386.

## Midday Reawakening Session II

A second session of the Midday Reawakening class (day time yoga) starting April 17 through June 7. This is a Tuesday and/or Thursday class from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Age's 18 years and older are welcome. Fee for residents for one day a week (Tuesday or Thursday) is \$51.00, non residents is \$56.00.

## Chicago Historical Society

A trip to the Chicago Historical Society will be on Tuesday, March 27. Transportation will depart from the Palos Hills Parks Department at 9:00 am and return approximately 4:00 pm. Fee is \$21.00 (lunch is included).

## Chicago Place Shopping

A shopping trip on March 8 to The Chicago Place an eight level vertical shopping center located Michigan Ave. Transportation will depart from the Palos Hills Park Department at 9:30 am and return approximately 5:00 pm (lunch not included). Fee is \$10.00.

## Woodcarving

Woodcarving classes will be held on Wednesdays starting March 7 through April 11 at 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Ages 18 years and older are welcome. Fee for residents is \$45.00, non residents is \$50.00 (wood included). Register in advance.

## Summer Camp Registration

Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department is presently taking registration for Summer Camps. All camps will run from June 18 through August 3. The Full Day Camp for ages 6 through 14 is Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 2:45 pm. The Half Day Camp for ages 6 through 14 is Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 11:30 am or 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm (Tot Camp will also offer 2 and 3 day options). To ensure a spot in Camp register now. For information stop by and pick up a brochure or call 430-4500.

Edwin Budding invented the lawn mower in 1830.

# Oak Lawn Public Library

Hull House Museum and Greek Town

Barbershop Chorus to perform

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a day trip to the Jane Addams Hull House Museum and Greek Town Thursday, April 19. An in person registration will be held Saturday, March 10 at 9:00 to 11:00 am at the Oak Lawn Library.

Tour the historic settlement house of social welfare pioneer and peace advocate Jane Addams. Enjoy a delicious, authentic Greek, family style lunch at Greek Islands Restaurant in Greek Town. The cost for deluxe coach transportation, museum admission and lunch is \$30 for Friends members and \$32 for others.

After the in person registration closes, you may call Genevieve Sobanski to check ticket availability, (708) 598-7971, after 4:00 pm.

The Oak Lawn Heritage Harmonizers will perform Barbershop favorites from the 1860s and beyond Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 pm at the Oak Lawn Library. Admission is free. First come, first seated in the lower level meeting room.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

A complete schedule of adult programs offered at the Oak Lawn Public Library is available at their Community Information Centers, first floor, and at their web site [www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us). For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

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## Child Protection Legislation

The Senate Judiciary Committee voted unanimously February 27 to approve legislation sponsored by State Senator Patrick O'Malley to better protect children and young adults who have had an order of protection issued on their behalf. Discussing Senate Bill 187 is (from left) Senator O'Malley; Jerry Elsner, Executive Director of the Illinois State Crime Commission; and Jay Brainard, Director of Crisis Management for Flanagan Community Unit #4 Schools. Brainard developed the "Protect Our Children" program for schools in Flanagan and Livingston County, then contacted Elsner and O'Malley about making it a statewide program.



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## Bridgeview Sailor ready for Pacific duty Office of Citizens' Services

by Heidi Lenzini

Imagine a structure that is more than three football fields long, 270 feet wide, displacing 88,000 tons and 24 stories high. Now, imagine a hostile country viewing this massive structure, which also serves as a mobile launching platform for 75 aircraft, positioned a few miles from their shoreline, and you have just visualized the United States' greatest military asset -- the Navy aircraft carrier.

This massive structure is nothing, however, without the highly trained men and women who bring it to life. One of these Sailors is Bridgeview's James A. Miller.

For Navy Airman Apprentice Miller and the crew of the USS Constellation (CV 64), home ported in San Diego, the seemingly endless array of drills, training evolutions, and inspections have culminated in a final assessment: the Constellation, also known as "America's Flagship," is ready to deploy for six months to the Persian Gulf, Indian Ocean and Western Pacific Ocean in March and relieve the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) battle group.

Miller, the 20 year old son of Glenn Miller Sr. of

Bridgeview, is an aviation boatswain's mate who maintains the machinery used to recover aircraft. Miller recognizes the need to maintain a forward presence thousands of miles from American soil.

"It is important to keep our personnel ready for anything that might happen around the world," said Miller, a 1998 graduate of Argo Community High School.

Aircraft carriers are flexible forces in the American military "tool bag." In addition to a crew of nearly 3,000, the carrier is supported by a marked air wing of more than 2,000 officers and enlisted personnel, who fly and maintain the most technologically advanced aircraft in the world. The ability to project power ashore, hundreds of miles from hostile territory, makes the Constellation an ideal instrument of American diplomacy.

The carrier is almost completely self sufficient, supporting the production of more than 18,000 meals and distilling half a million gallons of water per day. Constellation consumes approximately 880 gallons of fuel per nautical mile and is powered by eight steam

boilers and four steam turbines, which allow the ship to reach speeds of more than 30 knots.

Within the miles of cable and tons of steel lies the heart of the carrier's inner strength: the hard working American Sailor.

Between long hours of vigilant watches, drills, and training, Sailors can still find time to maintain their focus on personal and professional goals.

"I plan on getting a few more qualifications so I will be of more use to my division," said Miller, who has been in the Navy for less than one year.

The Constellation battle group comprises an impressive range of technological assets, from cruisers and destroyers to large deck amphibious ships. With this military muscle, Constellation and her crew can be depended upon to respond quickly and decisively to any crisis as directed by the president.

## The Ladies Auxiliary of McDonald Linn

The Ladies Auxiliary of McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge VFW Post 2255, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, will be hosting a "Bunco Party" on March 11, 2001. Starting at 1:00 pm, costing \$3.00 a person. Refreshments of cake, coffee and tea will be in-

## Diabetes Screening

Diabetes screening and exercise are important in the treatment of diabetes, both of which are available at the Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street, for Evergreen Park residents. Diabetes screening (by appointment only) is available the first and third Wednesday morning of each month (8:00 am to 10:00 am) beginning May 2001.

To make appointments for diabetes screening, please phone 422-8776.

## OCS & Fancy Free Plan presentation of choice destinations

Trip presentation at Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street, Tuesday, April 17, 2001 at 10:00 am. Catalogues, slides, videos and refreshments served. RSVP: Trip Presentation 422-8776.

Learn about Fancy Free and the following trips: August 12 (5 days) Northern Minnesota and Apostle Ireland; September 24 (4 days) Mackinac Island; October 14 (5 days) Branson Music Jam-boree; November 30 (3 days) Holiday Magic.

cluded with door fee, hot dogs, chips and pop will be sold during the day.

Anyone who would like tickets please call Pat at the Post from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at (708) 636-3220. Tickets will be available at the time.

## OCS Golf League enters 8th season

The Office of Citizens' Services begins another golf season. The OCS League is open to Evergreen Park residents and their friends outside the village, and will be golfing at the Fountain Hills Golf Course, 12601 S. Kedzie, Alsip. Golfing will be every Thursday, April 26 through August 30.

A meeting to get reacquainted, welcome new members and returning "seasoned pros" and general discussion will be held at the Community Center, Thursday, March 29 at 10:00 am in room 112. A registration fee of \$10 (residents) and \$15 nonresidents can be paid at this time.

If, for some reason, you are unable to attend the March 29 meeting, you can register by phoning 422-8776 and mailing the registration fee.

## The Auxiliary of Christ Hospital hosts 11th Annual Epicurean

The Auxiliary of Christ Hospital and Medical Center Advocate invites you to attend the 11th Annual Epicurean, Sunday, March 18th, 2001 at the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th Street, Hickory Hills from 1 to 4 pm.

Restaurants from around the Chicagoland area present their finest creations for guests to sample. Taste famous specialties from your favorite restaurants and discover delicious selections from new restaurants. Delightful music and colorful floral decorations will add to your dining pleasure.

All proceeds from ticket sales benefit Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn. For tickets or information please call (708) 425-0500 or (708) 346-4532.

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## St. Bernadette Students meet Abe Lincoln

St. Bernadette School students celebrated President's Day with an assembly featuring Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Lincoln spoke of his life as a young man, his move to Illinois, his failure as a store owner in New Salem and his decision to become a lawyer in Springfield. He told his family, his wife, Mary Todd, and their children and his election as the 16th President of the United States. Pictured are: Renee Matthews, Billy Luzzo, Mr. Lincoln, Nivea Johnson and Emma Point, all second grade students at St. Bernadette School, Evergreen Park.



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## Honorary Chair Named for the Oak Lawn Library Foundation fundraiser

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation proudly announces that Chuck Groebe of Groebe Realtors will serve as the Honorary Chair for their fifth annual, "Stay Home and Read a Book Ball" fundraiser, which is scheduled to take place during National Library Week, April 1-7, 2001. Pictured (l-r) is Chuck Groebe; Pat Roberts, foundation president and library board trustee; Lee Stein, foundation board member and library board president; Mildred Sujka, foundation treasurer. The "Stay Home and Read a Book Ball" is a special non event fundraiser that requires minimum effort from its participants. There's no need to get all dressed up, drive across town and stay out too late. Instead, donors simply make a tax deductible contribution to the Library Foundation and decide for themselves when they would like to "stay home and read a book." The proceeds from this event will be added to an endowment fund established for the future needs of the Oak Lawn Library.



## Recent high school graduates enrolling in greater numbers at Moraine Valley

The number of high school students who enrolled in Moraine Valley directly from high school for the fall 2000 semester increased over the previous fall, college officials said.

Some 1,286 members of the high school graduating class of 2000 enrolled in the college compared with 1,190 members of the class of 1999, according to the final fall enrollment report completed earlier this month.

"We are pleased with the increasing participation by recent high school graduates in Moraine Valley," College President Vernon O'Crawley said. "The increase demonstrates the high value students place on our courses, and that is due in large part to the quality of instruction."

Another highlight of the report is the increase of students attending the Eisenhower Center in Blue Island. There were 458 students enrolled last fall compared with 339 students in 1999, an increase of 35%.

Enrollment is reported on the tenth day of classes, mid-term, and at the end of the semester in December. Enrollment is monitored throughout the semester because of classes that begin after the semester starts in August. The college offers a

variety of alternative starting times to the full 17 week semester. Classes are held throughout the term, ranging from three weeks to 11 weeks. Weekend classes also are offered.

In a related matter, the number of credit hours for the fall 2000 semester reported to the Illinois Community College Board for funding increased over fall 1999. The final total submitted to the board was 103,469 credit hours. State funding is based on reported credit hours rather than enrollment.

For more information, call Mark Horstmeier, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275.

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## Professionals can enhance business skills at Moraine Valley

At a time of year when things kind of slow down, why not consider directing a few hours of your time to develop a skill you have always wanted to acquire.

Between now and mid-May, the college's Management and Professional Skills Institute is offering a wide range workshops and seminars for working adults to develop skills that can increase on the job success. Time management, motivating people, delegating, and goal setting are among the skills you can learn or enhance by participating in a seminar or workshop.

**\*Managing Disagreement Constructively** meets Tuesday, February 20, 6:00 to 9:30 pm. The fee is \$64.

**\*Get more From the Time You Have** meets Tuesday, March 6, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. The fee is \$64.

**\*Goal Setting** meets Wednesday, March 7, 6:00 to 9:30 pm. The fee is \$64.

**\*Delegating for Results** meets Tuesday, March 20, 6:00 to 9:30 pm. The fee is \$64.

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## Don't miss Kings of Swing at the Paramount

A sensational presentation by a company of 18 dancers, *Kings of Swing* will be performed at the Paramount Arts Centre in Aurora, on Sunday, April 22 at 3:00 pm.

Audiences will catch the infectious spirit as the company pays tribute to the music of Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, and swing dancing! Combined with the talent of Artistic Director, Heinz Poll, the Ohio Ballet has been referred to as one of the finest professional ballet companies in America.

The Ohio Ballet is known as a contemporary ballet company that communicates to all audiences through its exacting technique, speed, athleticism, emotion and drama. Extensive touring has taken the company to 8 countries, 39 states and over 230 cities in the past 31 years. They present regular seasons at their home theaters in Akron

and Cleveland as well as scheduled performances in New York City.

Music will be provided in the lobby by the Holy Angels School Jazz Band beginning at 2 pm.

Tickets for *Kings of Swing* are \$35/\$30/\$25 and are on sale at the Paramount Arts Centre box office, 23 E. Galena Blvd, Aurora, (630) 896-6666 and Ticketmaster outlets.

*Kings of Swing* is presented by the Paramount Arts Centre Endowment, and sponsored by Nelson's Today and by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

The Paramount Arts Centre is a not for profit performing arts theater dedicated to bringing quality, affordable entertainment to the western suburbs. The theater was placed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

## Burbank Park District

### Bulls Trip

Join Burbank Park District as they head out to the United Center to see the Chicago Bulls out play the Boston Celtics on Thursday, March 29. Tickets are \$23 each, which includes transportation. The bus will leave Krueger Center, 9100 S. 88th Ave., at 6:15 pm and be back by 10:45 pm. To register, please sign up at the Newcastle Park administration office at 8050 S. Newcastle Ave.

### Sportsman Park

Watch and wager on races around the country as the Burbank Park District takes you to see the new facilities available at Sportsman Park on Saturday, March 10. For a fee of \$28 per person includes admission, lunch buffet, racing program, transportation and a \$5.00 betting voucher. The bus will leave Newcastle Park at 10:45 am and return at 6:00 pm. To register, sign up at Newcastle Park on 8050 S. Newcastle Ave.

## Founders Bank names Lola Velasquez Personal Banking Officer

Helen Socha, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer is pleased to announce the promotion of Lola Velasquez to the position of Personal Banking Officer. Velasquez has more than 23 years banking experience and has been with Founders since 1998.

Velasquez is bilingual and an asset to Founders Bank's

Spanish speaking customers. Velasquez has completed classes with the American Institute of Banking in 1985 and ACC/Health/Life Insurance in 1997. Velasquez oversees the Personal Banking Department of the bank's Oak Lawn office. In addition, Velasquez is a representative for the bank's Traditions Club, a travel club -- and more -- for qualified customers 50 years and better.

Velasquez lives in Posen with her daughter and enjoys reading, bike riding, and aerobic walking. In her spare time, she enjoys making crafts.

## St. Laurence 40th Anniversary Dinner

St. Laurence High School, Burbank, will celebrate 40 years of educational excellence with a special dinner at the elegant Oak Brook Marriott Hotel (1401 W. 22nd Street) on Saturday, March 24. Cocktail hour begins at 6:30 pm, with dinner and presentations at 7:30 pm. The cost is \$75.00 per person.

As part of the celebration of St. Laurence's four decades of achievement, a select group of alumni who are emblematic of the school's mission and philosophy will be honored for their contributions to their fields, and as reflections of the work of our school.

These eight graduates will be honored: Mr. Thomas Allison, '69, of Arthur Andersen; Mr. Kevin Bracken, '90,

U.S. Olympian; Mr. Kevin Brice, '85, of the North Carolina Triangle Land Conservancy; Mr. Patrick Cooke, '85, of the law firm of Patzik, Frank, and Samotny; Mr. Daniel Keating, '79, of Washington University (St. Louis); Mr. Kevin O'Conner, '81, Hollywood actor, Rev. James Presta, '78, rector of St. Joseph Seminary; and Dr. James Valek, '82, of Christ Hospital.

Please plan to be with us for this momentous evening filled with memories, and join alumni, parents, friends, faculty, and staff as we mark this occasion in the history of a truly great high school. To make a reservation, or for more information, please contact the school at (708) 458-6900, ext. 254. The final day to reserve tickets is Friday, March 16.

## St. Albert the Great School registration

If you are planning to register your child for the 2001/02 school year, please plan to visit the Open House at St. Albert the Great School, 5535 W. State Road, on Monday, March 19, from 9:30 to 11:30 am. This is an excellent opportunity to see

our classes in session.

St. Albert the Great School will be holding registration for new students on Sunday, March 25 from 10:00 am to noon.

For additional information please call the registration office at (708) 424-7757 between the hours of 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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To register or receive more information, call the Cook County Sheriff's Office at (773) 869-7725 or the Hometown VFW at (708) 422-9800.



## Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirity  
kathywhirity@mymailstation.com

### Being Thankful

There is a little tale that's been told, and it goes something like this: A man is standing at a train station, heading for the next town. While he's waiting for the train to arrive he starts up a conversation with a fellow passenger. In the course of their conversation he asks the man about the people in the town he's headed to. The man ponders the question for a minute, then asks the traveler a question of his own. "How were the people in the town you came from?" "Oh," the traveler says, "they were rude, unfriendly, and I didn't care for them." The man then answers the traveler's original question, "You'll find that they're much the same."

The lesson learned here is an enlightening one. We all know people who are pessimistic. In fact people are spending millions of dollars a year on books that promise to bring contentment into their lives, and by the looks of things, it seems the need has reached epidemic proportions.

Have you ever listened to the complaints of people around you? I know a guy who is so pessimistic his glass isn't half empty, it's bone dry. For years he complained of having an unfulfilling social life, with nothing to look forward to but the solitude of a lonely apartment. One day he finally met a woman who was interested in him, but instead of being thankful, he complained he was too set in his ways to give up his free time! Sounds ridiculous, but it's true. There are plenty of people out there who find being miserable a way of life.

How many women can you name who sound like a broken record by constantly professing a deep desire to lose weight? I admit it, I'm one of those flabby females who whines about wanting to lose my tubby tummy, as I'm stuffing something chocolate into my mouth.

I don't think there's a parent alive who doesn't actively complain that their kids are driving them crazy, only to become the sad, gray haired mom and dad who complain that the silence of an empty house is unbearable, when these same kids grow up and leave home.

It's the way of the world, I guess -- to always lament about

what you don't have. After all, it's so much easier to find fault than to actually find happiness, even in the not so perfect situations.

But tonight, all the petty indifference that has sometimes caused me to indulge in wasteful complaining, all seems so silly and trivial. Life is too short to take for granted, which is wisdom visited upon each of us at one time or another in your lives.

My thoughts are of a beautiful, young wife and mother who has laid to rest today, as her grieving husband and two small children tried to make sense of their heart breaking loss.

A husband who never guessed, in a million years, he'd lose his wife and best friend at the cherished age of 33, and of her parents who never imagined they'd know the insufferable pain of having to bury their eldest child.

My enlightenment came as I looked out my window that evening to catch a glimpse of my dear neighbor, in front of his house, placing a funeral bouquet of flowers on the very spot where he and his lovely wife used to plant flowers in Spring. I watched as he solemnly placed them on the cold, barren ground and slowly walked away, as if that's all he had to give her now. It was a picture that told a thousand words. In that one moment, I was reminded just how trivial are the problems in life that we all have a tendency to obsess over and fret about.

Maybe if we spent more time being thankful for all that we've got, we wouldn't waste so much precious time dwelling on the things we don't.

Thinking about the Schergen family tonight, has brought to mind a valuable lesson I hope I won't soon forget. There's no greater opportunity than the present to live each day to its fullest because, in the grand scheme of things, there are no guarantees that there will be a tomorrow waiting for us.

This column is dedicated to the memory of:

Cheryl Ann Schergen (1867-2001)

May she find peace and comfort in the welcoming arms of God's eternal love.

## A Grain is a terrible thing to waste

High protein diets may be all the rage, but when it comes to good health, it is important to remember the nutritional benefits grain foods deliver.

As excellent sources of complex carbohydrates, vitamins such as folic acid, minerals, plant protein, dietary fiber, and phytochemicals, grains are one of the most important elements of a healthful eating plan.

To remind eaters of all the great things grains give a body, the Wheat Foods Council is releasing its top 10 reasons why a grain is a terrible thing to waste (when not included in a healthful diet):

**Energy** - Adding more grains to your diet is a simple way to add more energy to your day. Whether you eat waffles, toast, or a bowl of cereal for breakfast, the energy from grains foods will keep you going strong throughout the day.

**Complex carbohydrates**

- Grains contain many complex carbohydrates and provide you with satiety, a feeling of fullness. By eating grains, you can eat less but feel more full.

**Serotonin** - Studies show that stress stimulates the breakdown of serotonin, a chemical your body uses to soothe its response to anxiety. High levels of serotonin boost your mood, but low levels can result in depression. Increased intake of carbohydrate-rich foods, such as grains, may help replenish serotonin levels, therefore increasing your body's comforting response. The next time you feel a bit tense, grab a bagel to unwind.

**Fiber** - Whole grains have been proven to prevent the onset of cancer and some diseases, and fiber helps keep the bowels moving. While it is possible to use fiber supplements to increase fiber intake, the best solution is to choose a variety of whole

grain breads and/or fortified bran cereals on a daily basis.

**Folic acid** - Studies find that folic acid helps prevent neural tube defects if at least 400 micrograms are consumed daily before pregnancy. Additionally, folic acid has been shown to lower serum homocystine level, which has been proven to lower the risk of cardiovascular disease.

**Phytochemicals** - The antioxidants/phytoestrogens found in grains may decrease risk for chronic diseases, such as cardiovascular disease, cancer, and diabetes. Although the phytochemicals in grains are similar to phytochemicals in other plants, grains are a unique source of some antioxidants.

**B vitamins** - The B vitamins found in grains can help prevent memory loss and osteoporosis. Vitamin B also supports the health of your skin, nervous system, and

digestive system.

**You probably aren't getting enough!** - According to the Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals (CSFII), Americans are averaging only six and two thirds servings per day, barely meeting the minimum daily recommendation of six to 11 grain food servings.

**Convenient health food** - Grains are a great, convenient health food. They're easy to eat and low in fat, plus whole grains can help reduce the risk of developing heart disease, stroke, certain c and type 2 diabetes.

**Weight management** - There is a considerable evidence that high carbohydrate diets actually have a positive effect on weight regulation. Because excess fat is stored more efficiently as body fat than excess carbohydrate diets also are likely to reduce the risk of obesity.



### Waller J. Russ Exhibit

Remember when everyone played the accordion? This is just one of the over sixty photographs taken by the late Waller J. Russ of the Mt. Greenwood neighborhood in the early 1950s. The Mt. Greenwood Historical Society invites the public to view this free exhibit throughout the month of March at the Mt. Greenwood Library. Attend a reception to celebrate our history on Monday, March 26 at 6:45 pm at the Mt. Greenwood Library, 11010 S. Kedzie. For more information, leave message for Janet McBride at (773) 881-8168.

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Glory is like a circle in the water, which never ceaseth to enlarge itself, till by broad spreading it disperse to nought.

—William Shakespeare, Henry VI, Part 1

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Happiness is the only sanction of life; where happiness fails, existence remains a mad and lamentable experiment.

—George Santayana



### Founders Bank names Kelly McNeela to Commercial Loan Officer

Helen Socha, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer is pleased to announce the promotion of Kelly M. McNeela to the position of Commercial Loan Officer. McNeela brings many years of experience in developing and maintaining commercial customer relationships.

McNeela received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Illinois, Urbana, in 1997, and her M.B.A. in Business Administration at DePaul University in November 2000. McNeela joined Founders Bank in 1994. McNeela is located at the

bank's Worth office. She is a member of the Auxiliary of Christ Hospital and an active committee member for the Epicurean Delight, a fundraiser for Hope Children's Hospital. McNeela is currently training for the Avon Breast Cancer 60 mile walk.

Founders Bank has offices in Worth, Mount Greenwood, Oak Lawn, Palos Heights, Tinley Park, Minooka, Channahon, and Plainfield. Plans are under way for a ninth office in Homer Township. For Commercial Loan information you may reach Kelly McNeela at (708) 448-6500.

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cation, SCOPE, will hold a  
Spring Dinner and Govern-  
ing Board meeting on Thurs-  
day, March 8, 2001 at the  
Holiday Inn in Matteson.  
Paul Green, Director of the  
School Policy Studies and  
the Arthur Rubloff Professor  
of Policy Studies at  
Roosevelt University in Chi-  
cago, will be the speaker for  
the meeting.

Mr. Green is a political  
analyst and author of several  
books on local and state poli-  
tics and a columnist for  
Crain's Chicago Business  
magazine. He will be ad-  
dressing the audience on the  
upcoming legislative redist-  
ricting and impact on the  
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge



## St. Daniel's Parish prepares Lenten activities

By Rick Techman

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

With seasonal changes to warmer weather and sunnier days starting now, Catholics throughout Garfield-Ridge and Clearing begin the 40 days of Lent consisting of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, preparing for the Holy Triduum and Easter Sunday, the ultimate liturgical coming of the Lord. Residents belonging to the various Protestant churches in the area recognize Lent differently in each church as instructed by their pastors and church law.

St. Daniel the Prophet parish and its popular pastor, the Rev. Lawrence Malcolm, scheduled a series of activities that will allow Catholics from throughout the area to participate in Lenten observances. Other Catholic churches here are also providing religious activities regarding Lent.

In a handbook distributed by St. Daniel parish regarding Lent it reads, "Lent is a time to rid ourselves of anything that stands between us and the Lord, and it is also a time to add anything to our lives that we might need in order to know and love the Lord better and make the gift of ourselves to God a more perfect one."

In an act of penance and almsgiving, St. Daniel parish offers soup nights every Thursday night through April 5 at the church according to the handbook. Here parishioners and guests can partake in a simple meal of soup and bread knowing their donation for the hot food is going to fund the parish's Elizabeth Ministry.

Frequent Masses, stations of the Cross, Polish Ministry, Women's Ministry, school observances for students, Reconciliation, an egg hunt, egg blessings and more religious activities are all planned at St. Daniel to prepare the way for the Lord in the next six weeks.

Fr. Malcolm said, "The gospel on Ash Wednesday says there are three things you're supposed to do: fast, pray and give alms. Fasting you could pick out whatever kind of fast you want. The church," he added, "as a whole says we don't eat meat on Fridays, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and we don't eat between meals. That's just a start," he continued, "That's the minimums."

"The belief," he also said, "of a Christian is that, that week almost 2000 years ago was the week on which the whole fate of the world hung in the balance. It was the most important week of all of history." Holy week this year begins with Palm Sunday, April 8 and ends at the Triduum, Holy Saturday, April 14. Easter Sunday is April 15.

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According to experts at Weight Watchers, it's easier to fit a diet to a personality than to attempt to change the personality to fit the diet. A key step to weight loss may be to identify the dieting personality profile. For more information, call 1-800-651-6000 or visit [www.weightwatchers.com](http://www.weightwatchers.com).

## Democrats attack seniors and Lyon's circuit breaker program

Illinois State Representatives Eileen Lyons (R-LaGrange) expressed grave disappointment with Democrats today for their attempt to block her bill expanding the State's senior prescription assistance program, Senior Circuit Breaker.

Lyons' bill, designed in conjunction with the AARP, added antibiotics and medications for osteoporosis to the list of medications available to qualifying seniors. Lyons' bill would also have raised the income eligibility cap from \$28,480 to \$35,000 for a married couple.

"This has been and should continue to be a program to assist our seniors," Lyons said. "Our seniors are living on fixed budget incomes. Many of them simply cannot afford to pay even a few dollars extra and, to be frank, there is no reason they should have to."

In a little publicized revenue sub-committee,

House Democrats tacked on an amendment which experts predict would cost the state a minimum of \$2-\$4 billion, effectively preventing the bill's passage.

The AARP remains committed to Lyons' legislation. "We believe the same thing we believed last year. We had a good program in Illinois and its called the Circuit Breaker Program, and what we need to do is concentrate on enhancing that program and making it available to as many seniors as they need it," said Donna Ginther from the AARP.

The Illinois Senior Circuit Breaker Program has won extensive support because of its comprehensive pharmaceutical assistance plan. That program, which was expanded last year by legislation sponsored by Republican leaders, grants prescription drug coverage to nearly half of all Illinois seniors.

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The humblest citizen of all the land, when clad in the armor of a righteous cause, is stronger than all the hosts of Error.  
—William Jennings Bryan  
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## National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame

Chicagoland South Chapter and Women's Division presents Festa Primavera XII Dinner Dance Saturday, March 24th, 2001. It will honor the 2001 Man of the Year Jerry Colangelo and the 2001 Woman of the Year Dorothea Grieco. Men's Chapter of the Year Robert Strezo and Women's Division Member of the Year Marie Krusch and the Scholarship Recipients.

Located at Nikos', 7600 S. Harlem Avenue, in Bridgeview. Serving a fantastic Italian feast, sweet table, dancing, 4 hour open bar, cocktails at 6:30 pm and sit down dinner at 7:15 pm. Also featuring Fabulous Bert Cattoni Band and many surprises. The cost is \$75.00 per person.

## Ripper to address Garden Seniors

Deborah Ripper, Naturalist with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, will speak before the Garden Seniors, Friday, March 9 at 1:00 pm at First Methodist Church, 100 S. Central Avenue, Oak Lawn.

Deborah will explain the recreation and conservation available within the forest preserves, according to program director, Blanch Gerard.

Deborah has been assigned to the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center in Willow Springs. She is a graduate of Elmhurst College where she earned a bachelor of science degree in biology and spanish.



## Officers reelected at the M.W.R.D.

Pictured from the left is Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski, Chairman of Finance; Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President; and Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany, Vice President. All these officers were reelected to the Board of Commissioners. The officers are reelected to a two year term, by their fellow commissioners. President O'Brien was first elected in 1997, Commissioner Majewski was first elected in 1989, and Vice President Meany was first elected in 1995.

The word apostle comes from the Greek word *apostolos*, which means to send. Originally it referred to sending ships or a fleet.

## Founders Bank names Daniel Faragoi to Assistant Vice President

Helen Socha, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer is pleased to announce the promotion of Daniel Faragoi to Assistant Vice President. Faragoi joined Founders Bank in 1993 and worked in various operations positions. In 1998 he transferred to the newly opened Cash Management Department and was later promoted to Cash Management Officer/ACH Coordinator.

Faragoi stated, "this department offers specialized products and services to the bank's larger commercial customers to help them reach their primary cash management goals. These goals typically include managing funds availability, increasing operational efficiencies, managing information, and increasing cash flow forecasting. Products offered include ACH origination,

repurchase agreements, lockbox service, internet banking, zero balance accounts and account analysis."

Faragoi, a graduate of Marist High School, completed his undergraduate studies at Northern Illinois in 1993. He received his Master's Degree at St. Xavier University in 2000. Faragoi resides in Oak Lawn. In his spare time he enjoys playing golf, softball, and football.

Founders Bank has offices in Worth, Mount Greenwood, Oak Lawn, Palos Heights, Tinley Park, Minooka, Channahon, and Plainfield. Plans are underway for a ninth office in Homer Township. For more information on Cash Management/ACH Origination, Daniel Faragoi can be reached at the bank's Worth office at (708) 448-6500.

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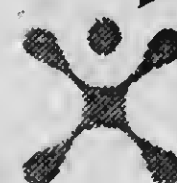
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## Town Square Project reaches final planning stage

by Jude Coyle

Dan Dalziel of 3D Design Studios of Grays Lake, presented the final draft of the Town Square Project to the Palos Hills City Council at the Committee Meeting of February 21. The Park will be located between 103rd Street, Breckenridge Drive, the Senior Center and the Police Station. Plans include a Veteran Plaza, a gazebo, playgrounds, a water feature, etc..

In October, State Senator Christine Radogno and Rep Anne Zickus presented Mayor Bennett with a check in the amount of \$692,800. \$490,000 was earmarked for use in this project.

To supplement those funds, Alderman Frank Williams offered an additional money making project. For \$50, one can purchase a paving brick to be placed in Veterans Plaza. These bricks will Commemorate Veterans in peace time and war time, and will become a permanent part of the plaza. Memorial Commemorative Bricks can be purchased for \$75. These can be dedicated to anyone, and will become a permanent part of the gazebo. Three lines, ten characters on each line can be engraved on each brick. For \$300, individuals or groups can participate in the commemorative tree program. Groups and organizations are invited to donate. For contributions greater than \$1000, names will be placed on a commemorative plaque. Funds will offset the cost of park construction. If interested, one can contact Mary Jo Vincent.

In the hopes of bringing work to a conclusion sooner and under bid,

Mr. Dalziel recommended that the work is handled in four bid packages. First would be the Veteran's Plaza and water features, the next would be power and lighting, then the concrete sidewalks, and then in mid August or September, the park would be finished off with landscaping. Mayor Bennett felt that the City should have the option of whether one contractor is hired, or four. The first bid letting is scheduled for March 16th.

As described in other articles, the park will include a Veterans' Plaza. Five plaques will recognize each branch of Service. Two flag poles will stand to either side of the U.S. flag pole. The planners have left a large enough opening centermost to allow the installation of a cannon or tank.

A shelter, or gazebo, with lights and sound system will be built, and will accommodate summer band concerts. This will be an eight sided structure. Three sides will be closed in by a railing and will have seating along the railings. Five sides will be open. This will be built on even grade, and will be handicap accessible.

A waterfall, calm pool, boulders and bridge will dominate the southeast corner of the park. There will also be playgrounds, for two to 5 year olds and for older children. The base for both playgrounds will be synthetic wood fibers. The center of the park will be left open. There will be a walk of trees, which will be used for a holiday walk at Christmas time. An aluminium fence on

103rd Street will be made to look like wrought iron. Benches will be provided throughout the park for the weary or for those who want to spend a few moments to themselves.

There is existing parking and a patio off of Breckenridge Drive. These will be incorporated into the plans. Planters will have ornamental trees and hanging ivy. Below that will be landscaped.

Asked about the water supply, Mr. Dalziel explained that it will be automatically fed through a float system, and recirculated throughout the water feature. The plaza and fountain will be controlled by a photo cell, and yes, there is a manual override.

## Marist fathers host Las Vegas Night

The Marist High School Fathers Club members are eagerly preparing for their biggest event of the year. The 36th Annual Las Vegas Night will be held on Saturday, March 31, from 3:00 pm until midnight, in the school cafeteria and main gym.

The event will begin at 3:00 pm with the New 15 Game Raffle (just like bingo). Also, the lucky annual Super Bonanza Raffle ticket holders will have a chance to win the grand prize of \$10,000 or other cash prizes totaling \$15,000. Remember, only 400 Super Raffle tickets will be sold.

For additional information contact the Marist High School Fathers Club, 4200 W. 115th Street, Chicago 60655, (773) 881-5311.



## The Palos Village Players rehearsal

The Palos Village Players are in rehearsal for Agatha Christie's courtroom drama, *Witness for the Prosecution*. This story of a British murder trial has many twists and turns as it comes to its shocking conclusion. It will be performed at 8:00 pm on March 9, 10, 16, 17 and at 2:00 pm on March 11 in the Little Theater of Palos South Middle School, 8600 W. 131st St., in Orland Park. The 1957 screen play of this drama starred Charles Laughton, Tyrone Power and Marlene Dietrich as the defense attorney, the defendant and the defendant's wife. In the PVP production the parts are played by Don Gautreaux, George Machay and Robyn Hoffman. Also in the cast are Tamara Pechota, Jessica Bishop, Len Wcislo, Ken Evans, Nicole Peccatiello, Stefani Bishop, Toni Bishop, Randy Mitchell, and Donald Peddycord, Chris Sarlas, and Dave Branigan, Lori Nussle and Chelsea Smidt. Steve Bell of Evergreen Park is the director and he is assisted by Joyce Nanesta of Lockport. The producer is David Groebe of Lemont. Tickets are \$9 for advance reservations, \$10 at the door. There is a \$2 discount for students and seniors. Call (708) 403-4421. Pictured left to right are Joyce Nanesta, Randy Mitchell, and Steve Bell.

## Palos Hills to end moritorium on communication towers

by: Jude Coyle

At the March 2, 2001 meeting of the Palos Hills City Council, Attorney George Pappas discussed a letter from Voice Stream concerning the tower they had planned to build at 110th and Keane, on the Moraine Valley Campus. According to Attorney Pappas, Palos Hills has not allowed new communications towers built within the City limits during the last two years. Voice Stream asked for a special use permit, so that they would be able to build in spite of the moritorium. At the last

City Council meeting, they were instructed to take the matter up with the Planning and Zoning Commission. Voice Stream, instead decided not to build.

Alderman Andy Galatte, backed up by Alderman Joel Tomas, asked that the moritorium is lifted, and that the City Council investigate possible locations in the eventuality that another request is received. Attorney Pappas, agreed, yes, lift the moritorium, but he prefers to deal with each request to build on a case

by case basis. 'Each tower, and each request,' he said, 'Entails a different set of circumstances.' Each request should be brought before the Planning and Zoning Commission for issuance of 'special use' permits.

Tire Services on Southwest Highway asked earlier for approval of a 'special use' permit, so that they could upgrade an existing communication tower. The request was granted with the understanding that the tower would accommodate Tire Services only. Since building it though, Tire Services has leased it to Nextel Communications. Mayor Bennett instructed Attorney Pappas to write Tire Services, telling them that they are in violation of city ordinances. The tower was meant for one purpose only, and that was for use inhouse. They should make a new application to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Also of interest, the PubTime liquor violation hearing is scheduled for March 28.

Alderman Frank Williams reminded everyone that the Community Fair and Craft Fair will be held on March 10, at 8455 W. 103rd Street, from 10 am to 2 pm. The Adult Health Fair will be held on March 21, from 9 am to 1 pm, at the same location. Gold Pass Discount cards are available at City Hall for those 62 years and older. A limited number of cards are available, and are good for discounts at several local businesses.

Those who need help with gas bills should contact Share the Warmth at 773-725-1100, or Low Income Home Program (CEDA) at 1-312-795-7800.

The quote of the day, courtesy of Alderman Ai Pasek is, "Everyone is kneaded out of the same dough but not baked in the same oven." -Matthew Arnold







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## Leaky gas tank removal causes problems in Bridgeview

by Jude Coyle

At the March 7, Bridgeview Village Board Meeting, Randy Carvin, candidate for Village Trustee, asked the Board when the property at 7458 S. Harlem would be cleaned up. According to Mr. Carvin, leaky gas tanks were removed from that property. Rather than cleaning the soil as required by the Illinois Environmental Protection

Agency (IEPA), the soil was returned to the hole and covered with stone or gravel.

According to Steve Jones and Maggie Carson of the IEPA, this is one of the older cases on their desks, although it is not the oldest. The leaks were initially reported in 1991. It wasn't until May 1996, that the tanks were removed. A site investigation was conducted in

June of '96, and at that time it was determined that the property to the north is contaminated as well.

According to the IEPA records, the owner of the property at the time of the contamination is a man by the name of John Brady. He is considered the responsible party, and is the individual the IEPA deals with. According to Mr. Jones of the IEPA, it is up to Mr. Brady to keep in contact with the current owner. Again, according to IEPA records, John Guidish owned the property at the time the tanks were removed, and is the owner now.

Mr. Brady is working with an environmental consultant. A new study

## Bridgeview has TIF study done

by Annette Dixon

The Village of Bridgeview has hired Globetrotters Incorporated, a consulting firm to research the idea of selling bonds to do a redevelopment TIF along Harlem Avenue from 71st Street to 79th Street. If Globetrotters comes back with a move forward plan, it will be fourth time in two years that the Bridgeview Board has sold bonds.

In 1999, they sold 7.5 million dollars to refinance 7.1 million TIF for the Walmart and Cubs Food at 103 Street. Less than a year later another two bond issues for a total of 6.7 million dollars were done to purchase equipment and make public infrastructure improvements.

"This total of over 14 million dollars in general obligation bonds doesn't come free, like everything else they too have a price," said Joseph Madonia. Property taxes will go up to pay for any revenue short fall's that occur.

was made of the site in December. The IEPA is expecting the results within the next few weeks. A determination on what action needs to be taken will be made then.

The good news here is that the tanks have been removed, and that means that no further contamination is possible. The bad news is that what was spilled initially remains. This is a concern because gasoline contains benzene, which is a carcinogen.

As anyone who spends time in Bridgeview knows, the ground is clay. Again, we have the classic good news, bad news story. Clay causes metal to corrode faster, but it also retards gasoline absorption. That doesn't mean that the gasoline will remain where it was spilled. It will migrate, just more slowly than in soil made up of other components.

The tanks were sunk to a level of ten feet. The initial spill was discovered at 4 to six feet below ground level.

Asked about contamination of ground water and plant life, Mr. Jones was optimistic. Bridgeview uses Chicago water, and thankfully residents don't have to draw from wells either in or around the immediate area. Secondly, because of gravity, gasoline will migrate either out to the side or down. Not up. Local plant life, including what is growing in vegetable gardens should not be affected as roots shouldn't grow that deep.

The IEPA uses their discretion about the clean up. Depending on how big of a risk this is to public health or the environment, will dictate how big of a hammer they will use to see that clean up is completed. Mr. Jones outlined other considerations. How hard is it to track down the owner or the responsible party? If the property has changed

## April 3rd, 2001 Candidates for Village of Evergreen Park

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## General Obligation Bonds being paid back by taxpayers

by Nancy Katzbeck

Most village of Bridgeview residents are probably unaware that their village board under the direction of the mayor has borrowed over 7 million dollars in new debt in the last 2 years.

These loans have been taken out in the form of G.O., or General Obligation Bonds, that village taxpayers are responsible to pay back. This is so because of the board's ability to raise taxes to repay the debt in the event that alternate sources of revenue are insufficient.

In some communities, trustees choose to borrow money in the form of Revenue Bonds which are paid back by money other than property taxes, i.e. retail sales tax. This leaves property tax payers alone but puts pressure on officials to increase the sales tax revenue base. Choosing this type of Bond is a reflection of a high degree of confidence to actually pay back the loan without resorting to increase taxes, fees, etc.

Despite village official's promises to the contrary, property taxes have been raised twice in response to their increased borrowing and spending. Taxpayers also need to remain aware that the village board's spending does not occur

in a vacuum. Other taxing districts, (park district, school district) also borrow money by selling bonds, thus putting further upward pressure on taxes.

A December, 1999, Cranes Business report warns municipalities against incurring excessive debt, especially in a recessionary economy.

It was reported this week that village officials are enthusiastically planning at least one more TIF district (on Harlem Avenue between 71st Street and 75th Street). This will necessitate the borrowing of more money through the selling of bonds. As the Crane's report pointed out, residents should be questioning the wisdom of incurring more large long term debt at this point of the economic cycle. There does not appear to be a moderating voice on the board. Moreover, Bridgeview's trustees are promising that village spending is "within the budget." These "budget limits" are based on figures that are arrived at as a result of their increased borrowing. Untethered claims of the village's fiscal health are misleading without the inclusion of the village's growing debt obligations and consequential tax implications.

Of course, inclusion of those details would give a more complete picture to the residents, but it would also spoil the magic.

hands, will the new owner work with the responsible party to see that it is cleaned up? Does the responsible party have the money to do what is necessary? How bad is the leak? What use will this site be put to in the future? If the situation is bad enough, attorneys will become involved.

Most of the time, a leak is noticed because a basement or storage container near a spill site has filled with the smell of gasoline, or a sewer explodes.

The IEPA has received 20,000 reports of leaky gas tanks since 1986. About 10,000 releases have been cleaned up. Last year, 1,000 leaks were reported, and 1,000 spills were cleaned up.

## Spring Craft Show at Oak Lawn Hilton

The Hilton of Oak Lawn will hold a Spring Craft Show on Sunday, April 1, 2001 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission charge is \$2.00. Children under 10 years of age are free.

Whitney's Restaurant offers a Breakfast Buffet from 7:00 am to 1:45 pm. A Buffet Luncheon of individually priced items will be served from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm in the Indoor Atrium Pool Area.

More than 125 exhibitors will be featuring many beautiful handmade items.

Strollers are not permitted. For additional information, call 630-513-7622.

## See Page 8 and 9 for Oak Lawn's Mayor and Trustee candidates

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## Summer Camp registration

Palos Hills is currently taking registration for Summer Camps. All camps will run from June 17 through August 3.

The Full Day Camp for ages 6-14 years old is Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 2:45 pm. The Half Day Camp for ages 6-14 is Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 11:30 am or 12:15 pm to 2:45 pm.

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To ensure a spot in Camp register now at the Park Department. For more information stop by and pick up a brochure or call 430-4500.

by Annette Dixon

Bruce Provo, president of the Provo Group called to state that Montgomery Ward & Co. confirmed it had talked with Goldblatt's and wants to lease to Goldblatt's. Provo said Montgomery's lease runs through 2008.

Provo engaged in conversation with this reporter stating, "the community does not want this type of store. That is not the image the community needs for the Evergreen Park Plaza." Lionel Goldblatt, would not comment on the details, but told

this reporter to call back.

Provo prefers to see that a retail store that has the reputation of a good or very fine quality of merchandise department store take occupancy of the Wards location.

The community supported Wards for 40 years and now, according to community surveys, the people would like to see Sears or Kohl's to take up residency.

When this reporter mentioned what did other leasees within the Plaza think of Goldblatt's going into

Montgomery Wards location, the comment from Bruce Provo was, "what difference does it make to them, we do not want Goldblatt's there."

Editorial Reply: The Evergreen Park Plaza retail business owners should be surveyed, they too have a voice as to what store goes into that vacancy. It can have an affect on their business. The memory of Goldblatt's of long ago was a good one for many residents that we interviewed, but they were concerned of the reputation that Goldblatt's now has.

## Highlights from Bridgeview

by Jude Coyle

On March 14, Attorney Vincent Cankar asked the Bridgeview Village Board of Trustees to pass an ordinance authorizing an intergovernmental cooperation agreement. According to the Attorney, this is the program providing low interest loans to residents. The Village has participated for the past 3 years.

An ordinance that would provide a Class 6B assessment status for the real estate located at 7674 W. 79th Street, was tabled until such time as the Board could investigate the operation of the proposed facility. According to Mayor Landek, a rumor has it that tank cars will be washed out on this property. The real estate company says no. Board members were concerned about the impact this would have on the environment.

Another ordinance gives the approval to subdivide the property located on the 8200 block of Octavia into 9 lots. Currently, plans are for homes. The subdivision becomes effective when the engineer approves the contractor's plans, and the Village receives a letter of credit.

The Board approved the following business licenses: Kathy Nails, 7273 W. 87th St.; Private Matters, 7501 W. 71st Street, phone use only; Stars and Stripes Silk Screening Emb., Inc., 7561 W. 99th Place.

Smyran Missionary Baptist Church requested that the Village waive fees involved in refacing an existing sign at 7306

S. Harlem. The Board agreed.

K-Mart plans to open their annual garden center from 3/15 thru 9/15, on a 75' x 125' section of their lot. The Board agreed.

Trustee Norma Pinion asked the Board to set aside 2 weekends in September for Treasure Days. For those living South of 79th Street, Treasure Days would be on the 21st and 22nd. North of 79th, the dates would be the 28th and 29th.

Trustee Joseph Kaput presented an ordinance that would incorporate the 2000 National Fire Code and other fire prevention provisions into the municipal code. This includes requiring permits for discharging fireworks within the Village limits. It also includes builders to install sprinklers in 3 flat apartment buildings as they are built or renovated. New industrial buildings will be required to have more hydrants and better hoses.

Trustee Pticek announced that the Village had broken ground that day for the new Walgreen Complex. Mayor Landek said that he was born and raised in Bridgeview, and never thought he'd see the day that this corner would be cleaned up. He said that residents were resettled, and that utilities would be cut off that week. He thanked Pat Higgins for her work, and the Board for the courage to make the decision to go ahead with this project.



## The Oak Lawn Board

By: F.J. Soczek

Village Clerk A. Jayne Powers administered oaths of office to a new police officer and four firefighters, Tuesday night at the Oak Lawn Board of Trustees Meeting.

Edward Clancy became the Village's newest police officer. Gregory Wojak, Robert Lanz, Edward Curran and Richard Graser were sworn in as firefighters.

Trustee Ron Stancik stated Commonwealth Edison donated a number of trees to the Village and the Environmental Concerns Committee will assist in determining the most advantageous placement.

Trustee Jerry Hurdles announced the 1st District community meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 24 at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of the Nazarene, 90th and Ridgeland.

Trustee Marjorie Joy announced her 5th District meeting will be held March 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Items on the agenda include new street lights and the Children's Museum.

The Board granted permission to Henry Para and Mieczyslaw Scislowicz to resubdivide four existing 25 foot lots of record into two 50 foot lots.

The request for the change at 9645 S. Oak Park Ave. received unanimous approval by the Planning and Development Commission.

The petitioners plan to remove the existing single family home and replace it with two new single family

homes. Both of the lots exceed the minimum requirements for both front lot width and land area. No additional variations were necessary.

Pudgy's Pizza, 5651 W. 87th Street informed the Village it was changing its name to Chicago Street Pizza and received unanimous permission by the Board of Trustees to modify the existing liquor license to reflect the new name.

Edward Napleton Dodge, Inc. was granted permission to erect a temporary (one year) used car sales trailer at 6540 west 95th Street.

Napleton attorney David B. Sosin explained the request was made to allow the demolition of the 6540 building (formerly Loom Craft) and redevelopment of the property.

The Board unanimously approved a request to promote three firefighters to the rank of Fire Engineer, from the current eligibility list due to retirements.

Also receiving Board approval were requests by the Public Works Dept. to replace one maintenance worker and to initiate testing for the position of custodian.

Mayor Kolb proclaimed April 2nd through 7th as Anthony Vacco Week in honor of the retiring Evergreen Park mayor.

Kolb noted Mayor Vacco experienced a setback following hip surgery and extended get-well wishes on behalf of the Village.

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## Spring cleaning efforts should include the garage

Whether you dread or look forward to those first days of spring cleaning, it is a necessary chore which inevitably leads to a feeling of real accomplishment. This year, in addition to going through those clogged closets and drawers, consider treating your garage to a thorough cleaning and utilization analysis. The benefits will be enormous.

"Most homeowners have no idea of the hidden value of a well designed and organized garage," said Richard Schulman, President of White Rabbit, one of the country's premier garage designers based in Deerfield, Illinois. "The way to really become acquainted with your garage is to set time aside for a spring cleaning. After you have sorted through your garage stored items, ask yourself if you are maximizing your use of space. I'll bet if people sit down and really give it some thought, they will determine that there is much to be gained by an organized garage."

According to White Rabbit, there are specific issues to consider when it comes to garage cleaning and design. In the end, a well utilized garage has so many benefits.

"We have evidence that if your garage with the same respect you give your bathroom or kitchen, the return on your investment will be substantial," continued Mr. Schulman. "Moreover, your garage can really add comfort and valuable space your home; many items in those over stuffed closets and cabinets can be safely stored in your garage."

"For example, why not free up space by transferring vacuum cleaners usually taking up room in a front hall closet to the appropriate garage storage. Along these same lines, why not move to the garage brooms, cleaning supplies, rags and or bulk items such as pantry type items from Sams Club. This

will free up so much space in the interior of the home."

White Rabbit pays particular attention to accommodating the needs of children when working out a plan. Easy access to and neat organization of sports and other recreational paraphernalia will not only enable children to independently put things away, but it offers the benefit of freeing up garage floor space so that cars are not competing for space with bicycles, wagons, scooters, etc. Child safety figures prominently into this design through the analysis of traffic patterns in conjunction with storage placement.

"Consider that often times, the garage serves as the entry way into your home," said Mr. Schulman. "Moreover, because the garage door is often times left open, it is the one room in your home that all your neighbors can see. This means that it can very well create a first impression of you and your home. By the same token, it can create a lasting impression; a realtor recently told us that after showing a potential homebuyer a group of homes for sale, the client distinguished her favorite by saying she wanted to revisit the home with the beautiful garage."

Since being the first to bring the concept of garage design to Chicago back in 1991, White Rabbit has designed over 8,000 garages in the Chicago area. Specially trained staff designers and carpenters work to transform garages into organized, efficient, and attractive space which serves as an integral part of the home.

White Rabbit is headquartered at 85 Sequoia in Deerfield, Illinois. The phone number is 847-940-8484. For additional information, visit White Rabbit's website at [www.whiterabbit.com](http://www.whiterabbit.com).

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## 10 Tips for creating a garage that adds value and comfort to your home

1) The first crucial step is to get rid of things you have not used in the past three years. During this process, try not to get sentimental. Give what you can to charity and toss the rest.

2) Store as much as possible off the floor using shelf space and pegboard for hanging items.

3) Bicycles take up a disproportionate amount of

floor space and often restrict the ability to freely open car doors.

4) Garage analysis shows that the left wall is usually the worst location for shelving or bike storage; the space is needed by the driver parking on the left side. The back and right walls tend to be better suited for storage.

5) Since shelving can be floor based on suspended

above the floor, be sure to have sufficient floor-based shelving if there is storage needed for children's recreational items. Plastic or wire baskets are also an effective means of allowing kids easy access to their toys.

6) Shelving can be deep or shallow depending upon the size of stored items and the depth and width of the garage. Shallow shelving has the advantage of avoiding stacking and reaching to the back. Deep shelving permits more storage space.

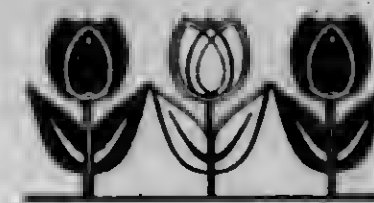
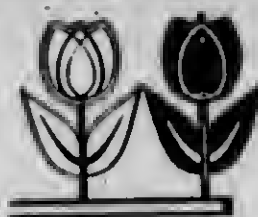
7) Pegboard is an effective, non intrusive storage material for yard tools.

8) Should you be using two recycle bins, consider placing one above the other

on a shelf about 24 inches above the ground as close as possible to the door from the house to the garage. You are now taking up half the floor space you did before.

9) Be sure that anything protruding from the garage walls does not impede daily traffic routes and the opening of car doors. The dreaded nicks and dents will be successfully avoided.

10) Respect your garage as you would popular rooms in your home. Proper care will add benefits you never dreamed of.



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# Safety Officials Are Urging Parents To Use Cord Stops On Window Blinds

Window cord hazards are back in the news, with the Window Covering Safety Council urging parents to check and childproof corded window blinds to protect infants from accidental strangulation.

The Council's latest safety warning involves the inner cords or "lift cords" of blinds. The problem occurs when the window covering is lowered but not locked into position, leaving some slack in the inner cord.

If a crib or bed has been placed within reach of the window, infants have reportedly been able to grasp the slackened inner cord, pull it into the crib and around their necks. It is believed that 16 children have died since 1991 due to inner-cord strangulation.

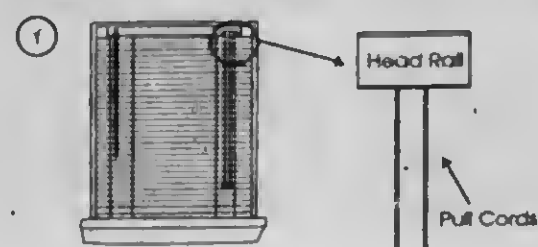
To address this problem, the Council offers consumers free cord safety items through its toll free telephone hotline at 1-800-506-4636.

Available safety items include cord stops to correct inner-cord hazards, safety tassels for childproofing older blinds and shades with looped pull cords, and tie-downs for securing the pull cords on vertical blinds and continuous-draw drapes.

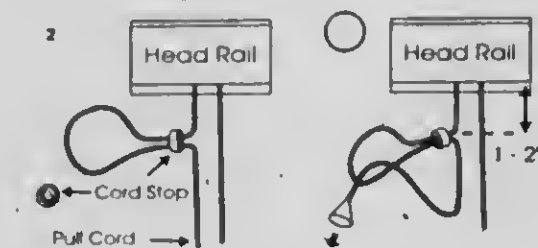
In addition to encouraging the use of these safety devices, Council officials say the best safety precaution is to move cribs, beds and other furniture away from windows, then secure pull cords up and out of reach.

For additional information on window cord safety, visit the Council's website at [www.windowcoverings.org](http://www.windowcoverings.org).

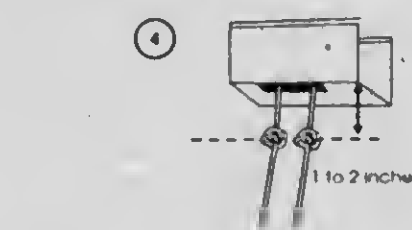
## How to Install Cord Stops



- To correctly position cord stops, lower blind to the maximum length it will be used. Lock cords into position at head rail.



- Grasp one pull cord and create a loop just below head rail. Slide cord stop onto loop.
- Holding the cord stop 1-2 inches below the head rail, insert end of pull cord through the loop to make a knot around the cord stop.



- Make sure cord stop is 1-2 inches below head rail. Tighten knot by pulling firmly on the pull cord. Repeat for each pull cord.

## Answers for homeowners

*Why do I need a new title insurance policy when I refinance?* Chicago area homeowners continue to refinance their mortgages in this low interest rate environment, so the time may be right to review the need for an up to date title insurance policy when a mortgage is refinanced regardless of when the current loan was issued. In this era, when some homeowners refinance more than once a year, the question becomes especially acute. After all, one might reasonably ask, what could possibly have happened in the six months since I last refinanced that would cause me to need a new title insurance policy?

"The answer is, that's the wrong question to ask," said Frank Pellegrini, president of Oak Park based Prairie Title. "You do not need to purchase a new owner's title insurance policy when refinancing. But you are required to pay for an up to date title search and a new lender's policy.

"We need to remember that, in Illinois, home buyers or refinancing homeowners purchase title insurance policies for lenders, not for themselves. At the time you purchased your home, the seller paid for the title search and bought your title insurance policy. Through those two

steps, you were assured your interests are protected. Let's examine that further."

Title insurance protects you against the chance that there is a hidden risk not uncovered by a title search, usually deliberate fraud or an unrecorded mechanic's lien. For instance, let's say that a contractor did work on the home prior to your buying it and disputed the amount the previous owner paid for the job. It's possible that the contractor could have filed a lien against the home. That lien would be discovered during the title search if it had been recorded in the County Recorder's office. But if the work was done soon before the home went on the market -- a very common occurrence as the owners spruce up the home prior to showing it to potential buyers -- it's possible that that lien had not yet been recorded and would go undiscovered by the title search. That's where your title insurance policy comes in -- protecting you from the unexpected.

"The lender requires the same protection, and refinancing changes the lender's interest. It may even bring a new lender onto the scene," Pellegrini explained. "Because the old mortgage ceases to exist, the lender's title insurance policy

purchased at the time that old mortgage loan was taken out also ceases to be effective. Therefore, a lender requires an updated title search and new lender's policy when you refinance."

And while you pay for the title search and new lender's title insurance policy when you refinance, remember that the most common reason to refinance is to take advantage of a lower interest rate. The cost of the title search and new lender's policy, coupled with other charges you pay when the loan closes, typically are very minor when compared to the savings you'll realize over time by moving to a lower interest rate.

Keeping all that in mind, the question homeowners should ask when refinancing is, "Why don't I need to update my owner's title policy when I refinance my home?" The answer is simple.

"The owner's title policy you received when you purchased your home is valid for as long as you or your heirs own the home," said Pellegrini. "That's what makes title insurance such a bargain compared to other forms of insurance. A one time premium that is comparable to the cost of an annual auto insurance bill can provide owner's title insurance coverage for decades."



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## Letters to the Editor

Take this opportunity to replace not reelect. Put the word Trust back in Trustee.

Don Shankel

Last summer a contractor did some work grading commonwealth Edison's property at 71st and Harlem. This was noted with a village sign stating it was a beautification project by the village of Bridgeview! After months of work the lot looked no better than in the beginning. Who did this job? How much did the village pay? What for? On February 21, 2001 a resident filed a freedom of information act to find out the answers to many resident's questions. He was told there was no paper work, board minutes or any documents on this project! Bottom line he was denied any information. Gee I wonder why?

Kate Salerno

I was looking for opportunities in Bridgeview when I heard and asked questions about beautification of Harlem Avenue. I asked, isn't Harlem Avenue a state road and private property on both sides? So why would they use tax dollars to beautify private property? It would seem like tax payers are paying the bills of private property, also when I asked village officials they had no idea of what was done or when as by who on record. There was also a grant of 2.5 million dollars and 7 in bond sales, where is the money, the beautification, where are the answers?

They can't say sidewalks and streets are part of that money. They did receive community block grants. In the last 2 years, property tax has gone up twice and is still on the rise. Homeowners and businessmen beware.

Once upon a time there was a politically connected chap who owned a gas station on a corner in Bridgeview, with very leaky tanks. When the tanks were all gone, the gas was left there alone. All they did was cover it with stone. In 1994, the tanks were removed, now we have an ice cream store, need I tell you more. The gist of my story is not overstated, believe me that corner is contaminated.

Dale DeVries

## Evergreen Park Department of Recreation events

The Recreation Department is now taking registration for new session of mom and child classes for children 3 months til 48 months old. Days offered are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturdays.

Registration for Wiffle T-Ball for boys and girls ages 4 through 6. Starting Monday, April 2nd at 9:00 am and continuing until classes fill or until t-ball starts. Days offered are Wednesday and Thursday at the Activity Center, 3220 W. 98th Street). Games start at 3:30 pm each day. T-ball will start April 25th or April 26th. Fee is \$28.00 for 6 weeks. Wiffle T-Ball is played with a wiffle bat and ball.

Registration for tumbling for children ages 4 years and up on Monday, April 2nd, starting at 9:00 am. Days offered will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, tentative times are 4:00 - 8:30 pm. Pre-beginner classes

are 45 minute classes and tumbling 1 and up are one hour classes. Costs are pre-beginner classes are \$28.00 for 5 weeks and Tumbling 1 and up are \$30.00 for 5 weeks.

Evergreen Park Annual Easter Egg Hunt for all children of the villages, ages one through eleven, on Saturday, April 14th at 10:00 am at Central Jr. High School, 94th and Sawyer. Admission is free. The Easter Bunny will have something for everyone in attendance and those who find the marked eggs will receive a special prize. For moms and dads only, put together the silliest Easter bonnet and you can enter our Easter parade at the Easter egg hunt. The 3 silliest hats will each win a prize!

For further information on any of these classes or special events call the Recreation Department at 708-229-3373 or 229-3374.



## Brosnahan calls for tougher D.U.I. enforcement

State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) unanimously passed legislation through the House Judiciary Committee on Criminal Law that impose stricter penalties on motorists driving under the influence. House Bill 2265 and 2266 include enhanced penalties for high Blood Alcohol Content (BAC), child endangerment and driving on a revoked or suspended license and expands the usage of the Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device (BAIID). The measures are part of a comprehensive plan sponsored by the Secretary of State's Office to keep irresponsible drivers of Illinois roadways.

"Given that there are over 185,000 Illinois drivers with more than one DUI conviction, it is clear that our current laws are not properly deterring motorists from driving under the influence," said Brosnahan. "Too many traffic fatalities, many of them children, are caused by intoxicated and otherwise irresponsible motorists, and it is our responsibility to impose tougher penalties on these offences."

At the core of Brosnahan's legislation are more stringent penalties for extreme

intoxication, child endangerment, and driving on a revoked or suspended license. Specifically, the measures aim to address the correlation between traffic accidents and high blood alcohol content (BAC) by imposing enhanced penalties for those registering a BAC of .16 or above. Increased penalties would also apply to persons convicted of DUI while having a child under the age of 16 in the car at the time of the offense, as well as those driving on a suspended or revoked license as a result of a DUI or reckless homicide.

If enacted, new penalties under the measures would include increased community service and jail sentences, as well as suspension and revocation of driver's licenses. Most significantly, however, would be the expanded use of Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Devices. Under the new legislation, persons with two or more incidents of DUI within a ten year period would be required to install a device as a condition of driving privilege reinstatement. It is estimated that 62% of drivers with BAIIDS installed have not repeated a DUI offense.

"It is crucial to the safety of all Illinois residents that

we enact legislation that will take a serious approach to eliminating instances of drinking and driving. I firmly believe that these measures address the most pressing problems associated with irresponsible drivers, and would significantly reduce the number of fatalities occurring the roadways," concluded Brosnahan.

Appearing to testify in favor of the legislation at the committee hearing were Secretary of State Jesse White, City of Chicago Fire Commissioner James Joyce, and Orland Park Police Chief Tim McCarthy. House Bill 2265 and 2266 will now move to the House floor debate.

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## Prayer that abortion will stop

For quite some time now, Christ Hospital has been in the news not only locally, but nationally as well, regarding their abortion policy. Babies at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn are being aborted by induced labor. Many are born alive. In the event of a "live birth abortion," only comfort care is provided for the baby and not medical. "Comfort care" is defined as keeping the baby warm in a blanket. Staff may or may not be available to hold the baby if time permits.

Will YOU be a voice for these little ones who's cries are ignored, and who's life is snuffed out? On Sunday, March 25th, beginning at 3:00 pm, there will be a prayer vigil outside of Christ Hospital (4440 W. 95th Street). The prayer vigil is open to anyone and everyone, and your presence is important. For more information, please contact Rev. Tim Harlow at 708-532-3656.

**Tinley Park-Park District's Annual Spring Arts & Craft Fair**  
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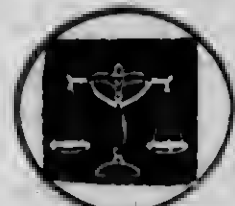
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—Georges Gurdjieff

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items for  
Eagle rank

Life Scout Brian Mitchell, a member of Boy Scout Troop 596 at Mt. Zion Church, 104th Street and Kostner in Oak Lawn, is working on his Eagle Scout rank. Brian, a sophomore at Richards H.S., is collection donations for the Animal Welfare League located in Chicago Ridge for his Eagle project. As a non-profit organization, Animal Welfare depends on the generosity of people like you. Any donation will be greatly appreciated by the animals and staff. Some items needed are cat/dog food, treats, shampoo, toys towels, blankets, sheets, cat litter, throw rugs-no backing, spray bottles, newspaper, collars and leashes. Donations can be dropped off at Mr. Zion church the first two Mondays in April from 7:30 pm- 9:00 pm when the Scouts meet.



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# Oak Lawn Trustee Candidates



Sheila Fahey-Wallenius

## Fahey-Wallenius supplies you with answers

By: F.J. Soczek

Sheila Fahey-Wallenius, candidate for Trustee in Oak Lawn's 6th District, would like to see modern, state of the art technology become an integral part of the Village's accessibility and communication picture, which she feels, at this point, is sadly lacking.

Fahey-Wallenius noted one of her first goals, if elected, is to review the current Oak Lawn Village website. "What's there now is a great start, but it's not updated frequently enough, and it's under-utilized in terms of communicating with residents and promoting the Village's businesses and services."

"As a Trustee, I would immediately make myself accessible to an Internet-savvy citizenry by e-mail and internet newsletters," Fahey-Wallenius explained. This would certainly enhance the more traditional lines of communication, she added.

"In my opinion," Fahey-Wallenius explained, "The most important aspect of a local government representative's job is good communication. A Trustee can't properly do their job unless they're available, accessible and responsive to the residents they serve."

Many of the Trustees use a monthly, informal setting to meet with their constituents and assess the needs of the community.

Ron Stancik pioneered the concept with his "Trustee is

In" meetings; Steve Rosenbaum and Jerry Hurckes regularly hold similar forums. Marge Joy seems to prefer working with the Educational Summit. Bob Streit has been known to occasionally attend a Historic Preservation meeting.

Sixth District incumbent William Keane has, for reasons only known to himself, chosen not to host a similar information session with his neighbors. His constituents. Taxpayers of Oak Lawn.

Sheila Fahey-Wallenius has an extensive legal/communications background. Included in her experience is a position in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, where she served in the Court Operations and Child Support Division.

Also, Fahey-Wallenius worked in the private sector as a legal secretary and paralegal/legal assistant.

Fahey-Wallenius is married and has a son attending college. She attended Kolmar School and Clark (McGugan) Jr. High in Oak Lawn. She attended Moraine Valley Community College and South Suburban College, where she obtained a degree in Paralegal Studies.

Sheila Fahey-Wallenius is extremely active in community business, social and professional organizations.

She has been active in Boy Scout Troop 596 in Oak Lawn, the Kolmar School Parent-Teacher association, President of the South Suburban Paralegal Organization, Member of

the Illinois Bar Association, which includes the Standing Committee on Delivery of Legal Services to the Public and the Committee on Law Related Education.

Fahey-Wallenius also includes in her accomplishments membership in the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, South Cook County School-To-Work Coalition, as well as volunteer work with the Dating Violence Prevention Speaker's Bureau.

Consistent with her proven track record of communications-critical endeavors, Sheila Fahey-Wallenius has proposed the creation of a formal resource guide, listing services available to citizens on Village, Township, County and State levels.

She would also like to see the Board of Trustees meetings (as well as other relevant committees) televised over the local access cable TV network.

A further testament to Fahey-Wallenius' communications expertise is the fact she taught her 81 year old father the requisite computer skills to "surf the net" and communicate with family and friends in Ireland.

"She really knows how to do a lot with computers," her father, Martin Fahey remarked.

Clearly, if Sheila Fahey-Wallenius could succeed in adding a new dimension to the life of a senior eager to learn, imagine what she could do for the collective voice of a Village literally begging to be heard.

Imagine.  
And Vote April 3rd.

## Hello, Mary Lou. Goodbye, Ron...

By: F.J. Soczek

Like the perennial Spring crocus, an ever growing multitude of blue and white signs have popped up on the lawns of Oak Lawn's 2nd district.

And to many, the name is a familiar one.

*Mary Lou Is Running For You.*

Mary Lou Harker was married to long time Oak Lawn Fire Chief Elmore J. "Al" Harker, Jr.

And like her fellow candidates, Harker decided it was time for a change in the political arena of Oak Lawn.

Harker is taking on 23 year incumbent Ron "I Second the Motion, Mr. Mayor" Stancik.

Stancik can be best described as bearing an uncanny resemblance to his counterpart across the pond, Prince Charlie.

The man who would be King.

If only mum or in this instance Mayor Kolb, would give him a #%\*&# chance.

But, unfortunately, the good Queen seems rather content with her day job.

And so, apparently, does Mayor Ernie Kolb, despite the many unfortunate physical infirmities that have plagued him the last few years.

The poets have proclaimed our ancestral home as "This sceptered isle, this precious stone set in a silver sea."

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God Save the Queen.

God Bless Ernie Kolb.

And God \$\$\$@ the

inflatable gorilla.

Like they say on TV, "Gentlemen (and ladies) start your engines." Or is it "Let the games begin..."

Or in the words of the poet laureate of Oak Lawn, Mary Lou Harker,

*Please be heard...Vote on April 3rd.*

Mary Lou Harker has lived in the Lynwood subdivision of the 2nd District for 43 years. It was there she raised her three children.

Harker has been very active as member of St. Gerald's parish, serving on the Mother's Club, performing in "Showtime" as well as authoring a "History of St. Gerald's School."

Harker also worked at the Oak Lawn Library, where she was instrumental in starting the Local History Room (later called the Dee Kopf Room.)

Harker states she is "Running on the history and integrity of the Harker name," and hopes to achieve many more records. She further explains, "I not only want to work for the good of Oak Lawn; I want to make the people of this village my priority."

Among her goals, fiscal responsibility tops the list. Harker objects to wasteful spending and suggests the Village budget be scrutinized for what she

deems as wasteful spending. Examples given by Harker include the "expensive rug in the Public Safety Building," and the many flower pots "which block the view" of 95th St.

Harker feels the current 50-50 tree program (where residents pay one-half the cost of parkway trees) should be eliminated, with the Village bearing 100% of the planting expense.

Harker urged more attention be devoted to "neighborhood" issues, rather than focusing on the central business district. She noted there are many parts of the Village still without sidewalks, and this issue should be addressed before focusing on the visual aesthetics of 95th Street.

Unlike her opponent Ron Stancik, who publicly threatened the use of eminent domain when he did not get his way following a botched, big-business development deal, Mary Lou Harker feels the Village should immediately "cease displacing homes and families..."

Harker stated the current municipal government format should be revised. "The Village Manager does all of the work," Harker explained. "The Mayor is just there to break a tie vote."

ELECT  
Mary Lou  
Harker  
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Punch 20

## Library sponsors food drive

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. will sponsor a Spring Food Drive Monday, April 2 through Monday, April 23. Patrons may drop off nonperishable food and paper products in collection barrels placed in their first floor lobby. The library will not accept opened or expired items. Donations will go to local food pantries for distribution to the needy.



Mary Lou Harker



# Oak Lawn's Mayoral Candidates

## Kolb refuses Tuomey debate challenge

By: F.J. Soczek

"Mayor Kolb didn't say 'No' to me," Oak Lawn mayoral candidate Travis Tuomey exclaimed. "He said 'No' to you...."

Tuomey issued a formal challenge to Ernest Kolb, who is seeking his 24th consecutive year as Mayor of the Village, "to a public debate on issues that directly affect all residents."

In a "media alert" issued to the local press, Tuomey stated, "In previous elections the incumbent has refused all public debates, denying the residents the opportunity to voice questions and hear party plans and goals."

Apparently upholding the sacrosanct "tradition," Ernest Kolb refused his competitor's request.

Spurned by the Mayor, Tuomey none the less held a short press conference last Friday afternoon before a

small group of supporters at his campaign headquarters, Millie's Ice Cream Shoppe.

Therein, he articulated his dreams and aspirations for the future of the town, in the event the fickle election-gods look kindly upon him April 3.

Tuomey was introduced by his running mate, retired Oak Lawn businessman George Pappas, who is seeking election for Village Clerk.

Pappas hopes to defeat the 24 year incumbent, A. Jayne Powers.

"It's time for a change in the Village of Oak Lawn," Pappas declared.

And, Pappas continued, Travis Tuomey "has the foresight, understanding and ability to do something creative to bring Oak Lawn back to where it belongs."

"Vision. Change. Words often heard but rarely put into action," Tuomey began.

"I have vision. I have

ears...to hear your concerns," Tuomey stated, as he assured all present the perennial dilemma of accessibility of public officials would be his utmost priority.

Tuomey went on to describe Kolb's snub as a typical, business as usual response to an earnest (no pun intended) plea for answers.

"You don't deserve answers?" Tuomey inquired.

Tuomey spoke of the many vacant lots and abandoned buildings clearly evident throughout the Village.

"How many more businesses will be torn down?" he asked.

Tuomey spoke of the fact Village Manager Joe Faber takes his paycheck home to Palos Park, while other municipal employees are required to live in the Village as terms and conditions of their employment.

Apparently unable to understand the convoluted logic of such a cozy arrangement, Tuomey assured changes would be in order should he succeed in his campaign.

Tuomey addressed the issue of hiring and stressed resumes should be solicited when job openings occur and all employees should be required to live in the Village.

Tuomey spoke of the trepidation fostered by legal threats of *eminent domain* by Village officials. Not long ago, Village Trustee Ron Stancik, upset a "deal" with *Krispy Kreme* donuts failed to materialize, used the feared threat on several homeowners who had the audacity to refuse the sale of their homes to the wealthy developer.

A resident inquired about the fate of the historic Cook School, Oak Lawn's only registered public landmark.

Tuomey pointed to a black and white photo of the ill-fated structure on the wall of his business. He also recalled another familiar

"landmark," the Coral Theater.

The sad irony of the words seemed to make even less sense, given the cheerful surroundings of the little ice cream shop.

Millie's is scheduled for demolition when Tuomey's lease expires this Fall...unless a miracle occurs.

And Tuomey hopes that miracle will, indeed, take place...On April 3rd.

## Mayo Clinic Surgeon lectures on rare cancer

The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers hosted a lecture by John H. Donohue, M.D., Mayo Clinic Surgeon, on Cholangiocarcinoma, a rare form of liver cancer.

The Cancer Center, striving to keep abreast of the latest advances in cancer prevention, detection and treatment, will continue to present lectures from

leaders in the field. The Center, through an affiliation with the Medical Oncology Group of the University of Chicago Hospitals, will be presenting more lectures and discussions on the latest research and current medical procedures and surgical interventions in oncology.

"Our goal is to provide the very best cancer care available. The Cancer Center," says Patricia Murphy, R.N., Director of The Cancer Center, "and we will continue recruiting the very best experts in the world to come and lecture."

Dr. Donohue, Associate Professor of Surgery at the Mayo Medical School, received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School and completed his internship at the University of California, San Francisco.



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## President Mark Donahue of F.O.P. address The Oak Lawn Rotary

President Mark Donahue, of the Fraternal Order of Police of Illinois, will speak before the Oak Lawn Rotary, Monday, March 26, at 1:00 pm at Oak Lawn Hilton Terrace Room, 9400 S. Cicero in Oak Lawn.

Tom Bugielski, coordinator of the group, announced that Donahue will share his expertise on law enforcement.

He graduated from St. Laurence High School, received an Associate Degree in Applied Science in Law Enforcement from Moraine Valley Community College and Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice from St. Xavier University in Chicago.

Mark has served the F.O.P. as Watch and Unit Representative in Chicago, as well as serving as Financial Secretary for Chicago Lodge #7 where he is currently a Trustee. He has been a State Trustee and Chairman of the Trustees for the Illinois State Lodge. Mark also has been serving the Grand Lodge of the F.O.P. as Chairman of the National Grievance Commit-



tee for the past 6 years.

He serves on the Board of Directors for the Illinois Crime Commission, is an advisor to "Fight Crime Invest In Kids Illinois," which is a nationwide organization intent on reducing criminal behavior in young people by providing viable options. He serves on the Racial Profiling Committee for the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board and serves on an External Advisory Committee for the University of Illinois in a search of a new director of the Police Training Institute.

## Beverly Genealogy Montessori School students learn it all

Beverly Montessori School students have been hard at work learning it all. East Room a.m. students are making shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day and learning about magnetic and non-magnetic objects. East Room p.m. students are working on fractions and preparing to study division. Southwest Room a.m. students are making shamrock wreaths and studying internal organs. Southwest Room p.m. students are anticipating in a hands on activity where children use parts of a dead tulip to identify the parts of a flower. Fireplace a.m. students are studying dinosaurs and the Montessori Bells, which train our ears to hear individual tones and match them to one another. Fireplace Room p.m. kindergarten students are excited about visiting new schools for next year. Students enjoyed bringing their families to the Open House and are looking forward to spring.

Tinley Moraine Genealogy Workshop. Saturday, April 21, 2001 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Nationally known speakers Loretto Dennis Szucs and Paul Milner. Szucs will speak about the following topics: Coroner and related death records; Lesser used sources. Milner will cover the topics: Building a personal genealogical library and discuss "has your British Isles research already been done?"

General Admission is \$23, members are \$21, until April 15th. After April 15th, admission is \$25 for all. Takes place in the Tinley Park Village Hall Community Room, 16250 S. Oak Park Avenue. Building is handicapped accessible and has a large parking lot. Workshop packets available at 8:00 am. Workshop begins promptly at 8:50 am. Workshop fee includes lunch on premises.

Genealogical supplies, including charts, beginners books, and other aids will be available for purchase. Call 773-445-6079 for more information.

## Hilton Oak Lawn hosts Champagne Easter Brunch

The Hilton Oak Lawn will host an extravagant Champagne Easter Brunch, Sunday, April 15, 2001, from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm in the Grand and Astoria Ballrooms.

The extravagant buffet features a Carvery of Prime Rib, Honey Baked Ham and Leg of Lamb, as well as a lavish selection of seafood and sumptuous salads. Other highlights include numerous breakfast items, fresh fruits and cheeses, custom omelettes, and a Belgian waffle station. An entire Sweet Room is devoted to fabulous desserts!

New! Kiddie Buffet cutely decorated, includes "Kid Friendly Food" like macaroni and cheese, mini hot dogs, chicken tenders, chocolate milk and chocolate chip cookies. Available to all guests, but especially geared toward kids! Not separately priced, just an additional selection to this already fabulous brunch! Live music,

fresh flowers, ice carvings and entertainment are located in both ballrooms. This year, entertainment includes The Easter Bunny who circulates in the Ballrooms, and a clown/balloon artist to delight young and old alike.

Prices are Adults - \$30.95, Children 6-12 - \$12.95, Toddlers 3-5 - \$6.95. Children 2 and under, - no charge. Plenty of free parking. Reservations required. Call 708-229-8850. **Non smoking brunch**, wheelchair accessible.

Regular Sunday Breakfast Buffet in Whitney's, 7:00 am to 10:45 am. Adults are \$11.95 and Children under age 7 are \$6.95. No reservations will be taken for the Breakfast Buffet.

Easter Dinner will be served in Whitney's from 1:00 pm 6:00 pm. Special Holiday Menu with children's portions available on many selections. Reservations required for Easter Dinner. Call Whitney's direct at 708-229-8888.

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**Easter Babies Animal Farm** Saturday, April 7 and April 14, 11a.m. - 1p.m., Center Square, Lower Level Children of all ages are invited for an up-close encounter with a warm & fuzzy bunch of baby animals that include chicks 'n bunnies, goats 'n sheep 'n ducks ... Oh My! Plus, kids who stop on by will receive an "eggceptional" surprise.

**"Hop-Along" Easter Bunny Visit** Daily starting in early April, Mall Hours, Center Square, Lower Level Everyone's favorite bunny will be available for visits. Professional photo services are available for a fee or guests are invited to take snapshots on their own.

Plus, while kids are hard at play, remember to fill your basket with children's selections that are available at the Plaza's fine stores.

All above events are Free. Parent/Adult must remain on-site at Evergreen Plaza during workshops/activities--no drop offs.





## Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirity  
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### For Better or Worse

It doesn't happen often, but there are times when a married couple's lives come to a complete and unexpected stop. Busy work schedules and important appointments that absolutely must be kept, all take a back seat to something much more pressing -- the good old fashioned flu. Nothing can put life on hold faster than the bite of this nasty little bug.

It's not too bad when one spouse is feeling like they've been trampled by the wild horses. When a husband gets sick, a wife's nursing instincts surface as she organizes medications, prepares nutritious soups and plays intermediary between Doctor and patient, while doting on her hapless hubby, until he's back in good health.

When his wife takes ill, her helpful honey does his doting -- *man style*. He keeps her glass filled with 7/Up as he helps to aid the healing process by keeping up on the dishes and laundry. Though Dr. Welby he ain't, he knows the best medicine for preventing a relapse has to do with housework. Nothing can cause a woman to take a turn for the worse faster than being confronted with 10 loads of laundry and a sink full of dirty dishes.

But, when a man and wife are simultaneously struck by the same vile virus -- it wreaks havoc on an otherwise happy household. Surviving the flu together says a lot about a couple's compatibility for, in sickness as well as in health, there are always compromises to make.

Living rooms take on the appearance of "Grand Central Sick Bay" as humidifiers, nebulizing machines, and a tray filled with prescription bottles take top priority. The aromatherapy of scented candles is replaced by the disinfectant smell of Lysol, though a health sensible couple will alternate between the scents of Crisp Linen and Mountain Fresh Breeze, for variety of course.

The simple act of heating up a can of soup becomes an all day project. By the time you take turns crawling into the kitchen to stir it up, you find that you're both too pooped to actually sit up and eat it. At times like these, the only thing left for a couple to do is pull the covers over their aching heads and just wish the world would go away. It's no honeymoon sharing the ravaging effects of the flu, with your other half, but like a lover's quarrel, thankfully the feverish effects don't last too long.

The recovering couple may not agree on everything, but one thing is for sure -- a flu shot will definitely be on the agenda the next time this nasty little bugger bites!

## Willowbrook Ballroom plans four 80th birthday parties!

Chicagoland's legendary Willowbrook Ballroom is celebrating 80 years during a multi-event birthday celebration April 6, 7 and 8.

"So many different kinds of dancers enjoy the ballroom," said Birute Jodwalis, owner of Willowbrook Ballroom. "We couldn't have just one night of celebration -- we had to plan four different parties for all our different dancing crowds!"

The birthday bash weekend is as follows:

\*Friday, April 6, the ballroom will host an extra special country western celebration for all the Texas two steppers. Doors open at 7:00 pm, lessons take place 7:30 to 8:00 pm and from 8:00 pm to midnight, a DJ plays the best country western hits for the dancers to step to. Special guests from country radio station U.S. 99 will spice up the party with plenty of prizes and giveaways. Admission is \$7.

\*Saturday, April 7, "Dine and Dance the Night Away" with the Robert Benson Orchestra playing big band, swing and Salsa and featuring a special guest vocalist performance by the legendary Nancy Hays. Cocktail service will start at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner at 7:00 pm.

Dancing begins at 8:30 pm and continues until midnight. The dinner and dancing package is \$40 per person and reservations are required; dancing only is \$15. Proper attire is required.

\*Sunday, April 8, Steve Anthony and his Orchestra will celebrate with the afternoon ballroom crowd. Doors open at 1:00 pm and ballroom dancing begins at 2:00 pm, accompanied by complimentary birthday cake and coffee at 3:00 pm. Admission is \$10.

\*Sunday night, April 8, Chicago's Outcast Jazz Band will play jump jivin' tunes for the Willowbrook swing dancers. Doors open at 7:00 pm, swing lessons take place from 7:30 to 8:30 pm, and all out swinging goes from 8:30 pm to midnight. Dancers are encouraged to wear their best swing attire for the costume contest. A dance contest and prizes are also part of the festivities. Admission is \$10.

After 80 years, the Willowbrook proudly bears the distinction of being one of the last functioning grand

ballrooms in the nation, and the last functioning ballroom in all of Chicagoland -- an area that once was home to more than 400 ballrooms and dance halls. The Willowbrook, now considered a "finest floor," is experiencing an amazing rebirth as it is discovered by new genera-

tions; for three years in a row, 1997-99, The Daily Southtown readers voted the Willowbrook "Best Place to Dance" in the newspaper's Finest Contest. In the March, 2001 issue of West Suburban Living Magazine, Willowbrook Ballroom was named first place in the "Best Place to Go Dancing."

For more information about any of the birthday events, call 708-839-1000.



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## Pheasant Run performance of The King and I

Rockton Productions and Pheasant Run Director of Entertainment, Diana Martinez, proudly announce the 2001 production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The King and I."

Join "The King and I" starting April 20th, 2001. Dinner and theatre times are as follows: Fridays at 7:00 (dinner)/8:15 pm (performance); Saturdays at 4:00/5:15pm or 8:30/9:45pm; and Sundays at 12:30 pm (Sunday brunch)/2:15pm or 5:45/7:00 pm. Special evening performances can be arranged for groups of 75 or more. Dinner theatre tickets start at \$45; show only tickets start at \$30. Group, children and senior discounted tickets available. Overnight packages are also available. Parking is free. All performances are smoke free.

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## Supplemental spending bill provides heating assistance

More money for heating assistance, a pay increase for direct care workers, the revival of a program for hard to insure people, and Secretary of State license plate refunds are among the programs that will be funded by a supplemental appropriation bill passed last week by the Illinois Senate, according to State Senator Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park).

The Senate also adopted a resolution that addresses a growing trend of communities using quick take powers to take property from one person and hand it over to someone else for commercial purposes. Senate Resolution 41 sets guidelines for local governments to follow when they exercise their quick take authority.

O'Malley says the supplemental appropriation legislation helps meet unforeseen spending pressures and includes funding to meet the basic needs of Illinois residents.

Effective March 1, 2001 direct care workers who work with developmentally disabled persons were eligible for a \$1 per hour wage increase. The supplemental appropriation includes \$25.3 million in funding to cover that increase. LIHEAP, or the

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, will receive an additional \$80 million in federal funds to help low income families afford this winter's high heating bills. Another \$10 million goes to the Comprehensive Health Insurance Program to pay increased claim costs, re-open enrollment, and reduce the program's backlog.

The plan also transfers \$2.4 million within the Secretary of State's office to help that office more quickly process refunds to Circuit Breaker participants who are eligible for reduced cost license plates but who inadvertently paid full price for their license plates.

In other business, Senate approved a child protection program that originated in Livingston County. Senate Bill 187 requires that day care facilities and schools, including colleges, receive written notification within 24 hours from the clerk of the court when there is an order of protection issued for any student. Language was incorporated into the legislation at the request of the Coalition Against Domestic Violence to protect the privacy of victims.

Other bills passed by the Senate include:

Mastectomy coverage -- Requires all insurance companies to offer coverage for prosthetic devices and complete

reconstructive surgery for patients who have had mastectomies.

Referee battery -- Sets a minimum fine for persons convicted of battering a sports official at or near an athletic facility where the sports official was officiating. The fine for the first violation is \$1,000, and \$2,000 for a second or subsequent violation.

Seatbelts -- Requires every person who is transporting passengers from ages four to younger than 16 to be responsible for ensuring that passengers are either in child restraint systems or seat belts.

Meningitis information -- Requires state universities to educate freshman, transfer student and parents about meningitis. Also makes vaccine available through university health services.

Health care grants -- Expands health care options to improve access in medically underserved areas through a community health center expansion program.

Bills approved by committees and advanced to the full Senate for further consideration include:

College funding -- Increase the grant amount for students who receive financial help through the state's Monetary Award Program.

Marine Corps plates -- Creates a new license plate honoring the Marine Corps. The proceeds from the sale of these plates will be deposited in a scholarship fund for the children of Marines who demonstrate financial need.

Guide dogs -- Allows trainers of guide, support, hearing or leader dogs to take the dogs into public places to familiarize the dogs with the kind of public settings that their new owners will likely encounter. Currently only persons who own the dogs and require their services are allowed into public places with the dogs.

Cloning moratorium -- Bans the cloning of an entire human being.

Auto theft -- Prohibits car dealers from issuing a new key to a vehicle (other than at the time of sale) unless the person requesting the key can prove ownership of the vehicle.

Utilities -- Requires public utilities who work on natural gas regulators that contain mercury, to test for mercury to ensure there have been no mercury spills.

Child support -- Allows judges to enforce punitive measures in cases involving unpaid child support even when a child is older than 18.

## Cancer Fatigue Awareness Day

The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers will host a free dinner and educational program on Thursday, April 5 at 6:00 pm., in recognition of National Cancer Fatigue Awareness Day.

Fatigue is the most common side effect of cancer treatment, and can affect all aspects of the cancer patient's life. Cancer patients and their families are invited to meet with our professional staff, ask questions, and share a nutritious dinner in Room M1 of The Cancer Center, located at the Hospital at 2800 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park. Guests will learn facts you should know and tips to prevent cancer treatment related fatigue.

Vicky Dvorak, an aerobics instructor, will demonstrate the positive effects of movement, and how to continue moving when fatigue overwhelms you. Please call 708-229-6001 for reservations. Free valet parking is available.

## Pageant, a musical comedy beauty contest

After running for over a year off Broadway -- where it was honored with Drama Desk and Outer Critic's Circle Award nominations -- and after making a successful London debut last year, "Pageant" is coming to Chicago. Directed and co-written by Tony Award nominated playwright Bill Russell, "Pageant" will begin an open run at Chicago's Black Orchid Theatre in Piper's Alley, 230 W. North Avenue, March 14, 2001.

The performance schedule for "Pageant" will be Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 8:00 pm; Saturdays at 5:00 and 9:00 pm; and Sundays at 2:30 and 7:30 pm. Single tickets for "Pageant" range in price from \$38.50 to \$44.50 and are on sale now at the Black Orchid Theatre box office in Piper's Alley, or via phone at 312-944-2200. Dinner theatres packages also available, call 312-944-2200.

any of your friends are among the millions who have older parents, you're encouraged to come and learn how to tap into the resources available to you. You're not alone you know!

Dinner tickets are \$12.50, available at 6:30 pm at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00 pm. For reservations and/or additional information, please call Josephine at 773-767-8031.

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## Oak Lawn Chapter Aglow International meeting for April

The speaker for April will be Lenora Miller, a wife and mother of three year old daughter Natalie. She is the owner of the Senior's Club, an adult day care center in Oak Lawn, is a Certified Nursing Assistant, a National Certified Activity Director, and CPR instructor. As of this printing, she is running for Alderman in Palos Heights. She is the Past President of the Oak Lawn Kiwanis, where she remains an active member, is a member of the local Moose lodge, and is a member of the Palos/Orland Women's Business Association.

Lee grew up in the family business at her father's nursing home, where she developed her love and serving the elderly, and is currently on the National Council of Aging. Her message will be "Caring for the Elderly/Community Resources." If you or



## Little Company of Mary lecture on rare liver cancer

The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers hosted a lecture by John H. Donohue, M.D., Mayo Clinic Surgeon, on Cholangiocarcinoma, a rare form of liver cancer. Pictured, from left to right: S. Javed Shirazi, M.D., Medical Director of Radiation Oncology at Little Company; Robert M. Gasior, M.D., Member of Little Company Department of Surgery; John H. Donohue, M.D., Presenter, Brian P. Farrell, M.D., Chair of Little Company Department of Surgery.

## Rest Haven Central to hold Annual Auxiliary Spring Luncheon

Rest Haven Central in Palos Heights (a not for profit, skilled nursing and rehabilitation center, and is affiliated with Rest Haven Christian Services) will be holding their annual spring luncheon on Tuesday, April

3, 2001 at 12:00 noon. For ticket information or reservations, please call John Evers at (708) 239-4911. Reservations will be taken until March 16th.

If you would like more information regarding the services offered at Rest Haven Central, or are interested in scheduling a tour of the facility, please contact John Evers at the above number. You may also visit their website at [www.resthaven.com](http://www.resthaven.com).

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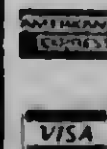
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## SportsClub in Frankfort to host US Volleyball Tournaments

The USA Volleyball Association (USVA) will be hosting a pair of official US Regional Junior Olympic qualifying tournaments at the SportsClub in Frankfort this coming Spring.

The indoor sports arena, which is best known for its nationally acclaimed indoor soccer programs, will be hosting USVA events on April 28-29 and May 5-6 according to Donna Smith, USVA Regional Tournament Director and assistant commissioner of the Great Lakes Region based in Chicago.

"The SportsClub in Frankfort is an exciting new venue for us in the Chicagoland volleyball community," said Smith. "The SportsClub will be bringing in the best portable volleyball floors in the country into their arena, so the playing surface at this new site will be just outstanding. We expect that both of these tournaments will be filled with many of the top girls volleyball teams from across our region. It will be exciting for the independent volleyball clubs to participate at such an outstanding facility where they will have six championship courts side by side under one roof. That's something that we just don't see, very often, with most of our tournaments." The April

28-29 tourney will invite the top volleyball clubs from the region for girls teams aged 15, 16 and 17 years of age. The May 5-6 tournament will host girls' teams aged 12, 13 and 14 years of age. Teams that advance through the tournament will qualify for the National USVA Championship in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 27th through July 8th.

The SportsClub will import the portable championship floors for the tournaments for the first time according to Linda Ball, Director of Special Events and assistant general manager at the 55,000 square foot Frankfort arena.

"The USVA volleyball tournament is our first such event," said Ball, "but we are expecting to be hosting many other similar events both this spring and for many years to come."

The SportsClub facility is located at 10850 West Laraway Road in Frankfort. Admission for the tournament is free. For more information call Linda Ball at 815-469-1844.

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## School presents fashion show

Every Bloomin' Thing, a fashion show sponsored by the St. Rita High School Mothers' Club, will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2001, at the Martinique Ballroom, 2500 West 95th Street in Evergreen Park.

Tickets are \$35 each and include open bar beginning at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner and fashion show. Many exciting prizes can be won through the grand raffle and instant raffle, as well as cash prizes in the 50/50 raffle. To purchase tickets and/or raffles, please call Sue Franco at 773-284-0518.



## Articulation Conference At Queen of Peace

St. Mary Star of the Sea teachers join in conversation with Queen of Peace teachers, Mary Greco and Maureen Mares at the March 8th Articulation Conference at Queen of Peace High School in Burbank. The purpose of the conference was to discuss smooth transitions for students from many elementary schools into the high school curriculum. Pictured from left to right are: Mrs. Ruth Newell-Minor, Ms. Candy Usauskas, Ms. Mary Greco, Ms. Maureen Mares and Ms. Paulette Petrusha.

## Reavis coach named SICA North Coach of the Year

Jim Tracy, Reavis High School Physical Education teacher and Varsity Basketball Head Coach, was recently named S.I.C.A. North Coach of the Year. The award was given after his varsity team captured their first Conference Championship since

1982. This is only the second conference title in the school's 50 year history. The team finished the year with a 20-6 record, the second most victories in school history. Coach Tracy credited a talented group of seniors for his success of this year. This is Coach Tracy's 9th season at Reavis, and he had previously coached at DeLaSalle

## Volleyball leagues forming at SportsClub

New recreational volleyball leagues are being formed at the SportsClub in Frankfort for a new spring season.

Both adult and co-ed teams and leagues are being invited to utilize the well known soccer facility beginning Monday, April 16th for a six week indoor spring season. The SportsClub four top flight professional indoor volleyball courts as a result of the US Volleyball Junior Olympic tournaments that the facility will host in April in May of this year.

Linda Ball, director of special events at SportsClub says that weekday evening leagues are being offered to supplement the growing demand for adult volleyball programs throughout

Institute in Chicago.

The future also looks bright for Coach Jim Tracy. Reavis High School's Freshman "A" Team made history of its own this year by completing their season with a perfect 24 and 0 record. Coach Tracy's assistants are Vince Doran, John Larocca, Terry Browne, Lou Prato, Kirsten Nyhus, and Jim Young.

the southwestern suburbs.

"We are looking to help church, fraternal, school, alumni, and civic organizations that are interested in creating recreational adult programs for their members," said Ball. "Everyone knows how crowded the existing programs are in our area, so we expect that lots of people in our community will be excited about this new program and new leagues."

The leagues will begin play on Monday, April 16th and end before the Memorial Day weekend on May 27th. For additional info call 815-469-1844.



## Man of LaMancha

The Burbank Park District will be traveling to Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin on March 22, 2001 to enjoy the superb musical "Man of LaMancha" at the Fireside Theatre. The trip will depart from Krueger Park Recreation Center, 9100 S. 88th Avenue, at 7:45 am and return at 6:30 pm.

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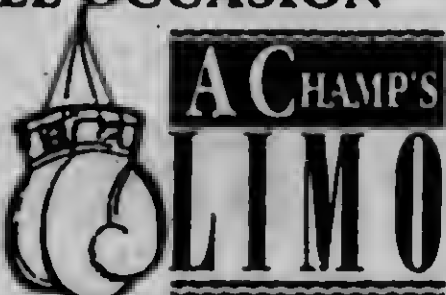
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

## St. Mary Star of the Sea On Track Singles

The St. Mary Star of the Sea On Track Singles group will hold a general meeting on Monday, April 2, 2001, beginning at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held in Duggan Hall, 6435 S. Kilbourn in Chicago.

On Track Singles is open to all single men and women age 21 and over who have never been married, are divorced, or are widowed. For more information about membership, or to receive a copy of the newsletter, contact Lucy 773-8239 after 7:00 pm, or John 773-585-8242.

## Violence in the community and home

Violence has become a serious problem, affecting families and relationships in every neighborhood and faith community. It is the single largest cause of injury for women and a serious issue for law enforcement agencies, courts as well as churches.

Please join other community members as we hear a speaker engage us in thought and discussion of the dynamics of violence, the community resources available to assist victims, and responses we can make to address this issue.

Judge Daniel G. Welter of the Circuit Court of Cook County will speak on "Violence: In the Community and in the Home" on Thursday, April 5, 2001. The event will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Clearing Public Library, 6423 W. 63rd Place. Refreshments will be served. This event is being sponsored by the Parish of Nurses of Saint Daniel the Prophet Church.

Reservations are recommended due to limitations of space. Call 773-586-1653 to leave a message to reserve your space or to request further information.

## Gas man talks financial aid

By Rick Techman

A Peoples Energy spokesman presented a sympathetic but firm view on higher natural gas costs and how they can be neutralized to a group of about 75 local residents, angered over the high cost of heating their homes this winter, at the Clearing Civic League meeting Tuesday, March 13.

Luis Diaz Perez, Manager of Media Relations for Peoples Energy, agreed that the organization he represents is considered by most people public enemy number one because of the steep increase in heating homes this winter but he also reminded the group that he, too, is a customer responsible for paying the heating bill at his own residence and he understood their frustration.

Diaz talked about lowering thermostats in individual residences to about 68 degrees to save on heating prices. Although most residents said they keep their homes at 72 degrees for comfort's sake, Diaz said lowering the

thermostat by four more degrees and a good insulation program will save money.

Diaz also said despite most people's negative attitude toward Peoples Energy, the company did take some positive steps this winter to protect all Chicago customers regardless of their ability to pay.

"On November 1st," Diaz said, "the company adopted a moratorium, voluntarily, beyond what the state law required on disconnections so that no residential heating customer in Chicago was without heat this winter. Regardless of one's payment record," he added, "no one was disconnected from November 1st moving forward."

Diaz also explained the information in the mainstream press regarding gas shutoffs in Chicago would only effect those customers who have been getting notices in the mail regularly but have made no payments whatsoever since December 1. He explained these customers have already

received information explaining two financial assistance programs that would allow them to make at least a partial payment to prevent shutoff.

Diaz said Peoples Energy is willing to work with anyone who can not afford to make payments to acquire some financial help to avert a shutoff. He said he only expects about 18,000 customers to be shut off in Chicago after every attempt has been made to get a payment. This shutoff would begin on April 2 after the final notices are sent out March 21. He also said a second wave of notices would go out to customers who have not made a payment since January 1.

According to a document distributed by Diaz, "Peoples Energy offers payment plans and financial assistance programs to help you with your heating bill." In addition, it explained, "publicly supported financial assistance programs are available for eligible customers."

"Gas prices are up," Diaz said, "all around the country. Of

## California shooting suspect fits study profile

Tampa -- "Oh, God. Why?" the mother of school shooting suspect Charles Andrew Williams asked a reporter for *The New York Times*. Many others are asking that same question after another tragic murder spree on a high school campus.

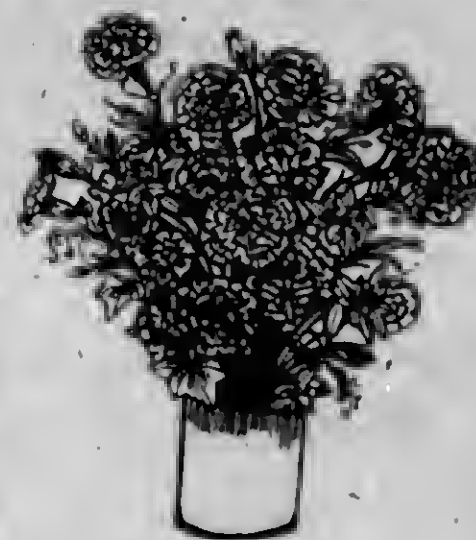
But Mark Merrill, president of the independent, non-profit research and communications organization Family First, says the question that actually gets to the heart of the issue of youth violence is "why not?" "Our society has created a culture of neglect when it comes to our children," Merrill says. "Many of them are not getting the emotional support they need -- so why wouldn't this type of tragedy become more common?"

"In this case we have a teenage boy -- a casualty of divorce which affects almost one third of all kids today -- separated from his mother; living in a new town where he was ridiculed by his peers," Merrill continues. "He had no apparent healthy emotional outlet in his life and yet we're still surprised when children who are left out to parent themselves make choices that are horribly wrong." Family First has

conducted extensive research on youth violence. In its report *Why Are Kids So Angry?* five factors are seen as contributing to aggressive behavior; family breakdown, media violence, peer pressure, violent video games, and substance abuse. Charles Williams reportedly had at least two of these factors play a role in his life.

Other Family First materials, *Kids & Violence: A National Survey and Report and Not In My School!* -- a youth violence prevention program, also address issues surrounding the Santana High School shooting.

For more information on Family First research and reports, contact Nancy Jergins at 813-222-8300, extension 5056 or by email at nancy@familyfirst.net.



## Automakers key component of Illinois' economy

The automobile industry is a key component of Illinois' economy, accounting for more than 300,000 jobs in the state, a new University of Michigan study shows.

Auto manufacturing is the largest industry in the country, and Illinois has the fifth highest automobile industry employment of any state in the country.

Key findings of the study include:

\*The automotive industry directly employs 45,400 workers in Illinois, including production workers, engineers, sales and marketing employees and other staff.

\*114,900 jobs are related to the auto industry, including suppliers of parts and components, suppliers of raw materials, and support services.

\*When spin off employment is included, a total of 311,900 Illinois jobs are dependent on the auto industry.

\*The auto industry generates \$12.1 billion in wages and benefits, including

spin off employment, in Illinois.

\*Illinois has 1,100 new car dealerships, which generate about \$24.9 billion in annual sales.

"Illinois isn't normally a state one thinks of as being an auto state, but hundreds of thousands of auto industry workers in the state prove otherwise," said Alliance President & CEO Josephine S. Cooper. "About 5% of Illinois' workforce is employed in either the auto industry or a job dependent on the auto industry."

The landmark study, "Contribution Of The Automotive Industry To The U.S. Economy," was prepared by the University of Michigan and the Center for Automotive Research. In addition to the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers also sponsored the study. For more information, log on to <http://www.autoalliance.org>.



## The six worst Client Compensation Funds in the country

HALT, the nation's largest and oldest legal reform organization, today released its list of six states that are doing the worst job of reimbursing legal consumers who have been ripped off by unscrupulous attorneys. Instead of meaningful redress for these victims, lawyer administered client compensation funds are a sham. The utter failure of this system is highlighted by HALT's Dirty Half Dozen -- Illinois, Texas, Mis-

issippi, North Dakota, Wyoming and the District of Columbia -- where virtually no compensation flows at all.

Client Compensation Funds were created by states to protect consumers of legal services. The funds get money from attorney contributions and are supposed to cover clients' losses incurred

to dishonest lawyers. "The combination of poor funding, lack of publicity, endless claims processes and ridiculously low payment caps produces a trickle of reimbursement for clients cheated on by their lawyers," charges HALT Executive Director James C. Turner. "These six states represent the worst of this sad picture."

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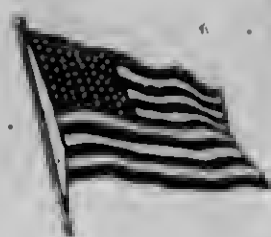
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March 20, 2001

## Highlights from the Palos Hills Board Meeting

by Jude Coyle

Mr. Frank Jarski spoke before the Palos Hills City Council on March 15. He asked the City to please step up police patrols in this area. He said, "I don't want to be a nuisance to you, but this is a nuisance to us."

According to Mr. Jarski, the cafe on 88th Avenue in Hickory Hills received a liquor license 2 weeks ago, and he's had nothing but trouble since. About 10:30 each evening, young people leave the cafe, and wander onto his block. He described sexual acts committed along his fence, drinking and loud music. He's concerned that some of these individuals aren't old enough to drink.

The morning after, he said, he's picked up used condoms, beer bottles and cans from his front lawn. "This is embarrassing," he said. He has grandchildren and doesn't want them to see these things on his lawn.

He has called the Hickory Hills Police Department a number of times. They said that since he lives in Palos and not Hickory Hills, they don't have to follow up. He's also called the Palos Hills Police Department.

According to Mr. Jarski, the trouble began when the pool hall moved into the mall a while ago. He was thrilled when their application for a liquor license was declined. He commented that Hickory Hills is smaller than Palos Hills, and has issued

more liquor licenses. "What do they need that many bars for?" he said.

Jerry Sawyer added his support to what Mr. Jarski had to say. Mr. Sawyer, though, was concerned about another matter. A prosthesis manufacturer is planning to expand into the same mall. He is concerned about dust and fumes making his home environment unliveable. He asked if OSHA could help.

Alderman Williams instructed Mr. Sawyer to call the Environmental Protection Agency.

Alderman Cisarik reported that the Hickory Hills Council was voting on that subject that night. He had appealed to several of Mr. Sawyer's neighbors to attend, and to ask the Village to make the manufacturer install a filtering device.

Clerk Rudy Mulderink reported that absentee ballots are available through the Clerk's Office.

Alderman Al Pasek announced that the City will open bids on Wednesday, April 11, at 12:00 pm, for work to be done at Town Square Park. The work will be offered out in four bid packets. They are playground and shelter; Veteran's Plaza and water feature; concrete flatwork; and landscape and site furnishings.

Alderman Pauline Stratton referred to several newspaper articles about the new Metra Station planned for Southwest Highway, in Palos

Heights. Southwest Highway will be regraded, and might be widened. I.D.O.T. is planning to use the right of ways on Southwest Highway to park heavy equipment for up to nine months. She had spoken to Mr. Katz and he is concerned about losing his storage area.

The articles she referred to talked about John Driscoll of Palos Heights, and how he had nearly lost his property two years ago. Part of it would have been used for a parking lot for a casino boat, and part of it as parking for a Metra Station. He had spent thousands in attorney fees to fight this. He won.

Mayor Bennett said that he hasn't received notification from either Metra or I.D.O.T. about taking anyone's land. If Mr. Katz or the other business owners in that area do not want heavy equipment parked on their property, all they have to say is 'no.'

He said that this is a rumor that won't go away. The Metra Station, he said, will be an asset to the whole metropolitan area.

Mayor Bennett's office has been instrumental in obtaining four way traffic lights for that corner.

## Craft Classes

The Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department is offering various craft classes.

Organizing Yesterday (Scrap booking class) -- Held two Fridays a month from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Age's teen to adult are welcome. Fee for residents is \$10.00, non residents is \$15.00 (per session).

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## Job fair at Moraine Valley targets health care occupations

Take an in-depth look at a range of job opportunities in the health care field during a job fair at Moraine Valley Community College, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

The fair will be held on the first floor of the B Building on Thursday, April 5, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Representatives from approximately 70 employers in the healthcare industry will be on hand to explain job opportunities and announce job openings. In addition, Moraine Valley faculty from the Health Sciences Department will be available to answer questions.

The fair is open to anyone considering employment as a health care professional. Jobs as respiratory therapists, phlebotomists, emergency medical technicians, nurses, certified nursing assistants, and radiologic technologists will be highlighted.

Students who are undecided on an occupation can benefit from the fair as well as students who are focused on a career and nearing completion of a degree or certificate. Last year some students walked away with multiple job offers.

For more information, call Peggy Machon, director for Health Sciences, at 974-5484.

Monday, March 26 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Age's 6-8 years old are welcome. Fee for residents is \$5.00, non residents is \$10.00.

Secure a spot by registering early at the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd Street. For information, call 430-4500.

## Scholarship prize for best story of a True Hero offered to students

Students -- Do you have a story to tell about a real hero? Your true hero? The founders of Your True Hero and its website, www.yourtruehero.org have offered a \$1,000 scholarship prize to the one high school or college student who writes the best story of a true hero.

Gary Hale and Jakob Skoniecki created the organization and its website as a hobby and to offer a place for people to tell personal stories of true heroes. "We did this to bring some recognition to the teachers, nurses, firefighters and cops, the veterans, family members, and all others who make the critical differences in our lives. We hear more than enough about movie stars and famous athletes, maybe we should hear more about the true heroes who improve the world by their quiet work and good examples," Hale said.

The contest is open immediately and the simple rules are posted on the organization's website. Stories should be true, independently verifiable, and must not contain pornographic, obscene or hateful comments. Story length should be between 500 and 1250 words and the founders prefer that the subjects be persons that are not already famous.

Students should submit their stories on either the website or to the organization's mail address. The deadline for the submission of stories is midnight, June 15, 2001. Hale is recruiting a panel of academic volunteers to judge the submitted stories. He has personally donated the winning scholarship money. The endeavor and its website are hobbies for Hale who has a deep interest in American history.

There is absolutely no commercial activity attached to the website or the writing contest.

"If our scholarship contest encourages just one young person to think about and appreciate true heroism and then use that to make a contribution to society, then this project will have paid itself back tenfold," Hale concluded.

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**PROFILE - EUGENE L. SIEGEL, Mayor, Chicago Ridge**

At the present time, the Industrial Park, located on 130 acres, continues to grow with new business. The Mayor's most recent accomplishments include the Public Works Facility located in the Industrial Park, and the New Municipal Complex, that holds the Village Administrative Offices, Police Department, Youth Service Bureau, Senior Citizen Center and plays host to many community organizations. This 60,000 square foot facility was built at no cost to the taxpayers of Chicago Ridge. The Mayor was deeply honored when the Village Board named the new facility the Eugene L. Siegel Municipal Complex for his quarter of a century (25 years) of dedication and leadership to the Citizens of Chicago Ridge.

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April 2, 2001

## Police Chief recommends dismissal

By: F.J. Soczek

Oak Lawn Police Chief James Houk wants to fire one of his young patrol officers.

Thus far, he's had little difficulty convincing the three member Police and Fire Commission the half-dozen or so rather "questionable" charges he's so diligently compiled warrant this extreme punishment.

Commission members John Friel, William Egan and Robert Banas clearly "rubber stamped" Houk's demand last February with a unanimous finding of guilt against the five-year officer Carlos Panthera.

At a public hearing Tuesday night, Houk and his attorney Michael Duggan from Village of Oak Lawn's law firm of Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins paraded a procession of ranking brass to the witness table, in a desperate attempt to impugn the integrity of the officer.

Nonetheless, a handful of brave co-officers mustered the courage to stand by their comrade and give positive testimony in describing their relationships with Panthera. At the very real risk of placing their own jobs in future jeopardy.

It seems that, from the beginning, Carlos Panthera was not "one of their kind."

He grew up on the tough streets of Chicago, where "survival" is equated in terms other than hanging out at the local 7-11.

Carlos Panthera was also a gang member. This forthright admission no doubt caused dubious preconceptions in many minds.

But Carlos managed to

cast off the demons of his past when he enlisted in the Navy. He joined the police force shortly thereafter.

Officer Patrick Barron testified Carlos Panthera's intimate knowledge of gang psychology provided an invaluable aid in dealing with this plague-like epidemic.

"He's overcome personal hardships," Barron explained, "and brings real-life experience (relating to gang activity) not found in textbooks."

A 20 year veteran officer, William D'Mato, apologetically confessed he, too, had pre-judged Panthera.

"He is a self-motivated officer who was always at my side," intimated D'Mato, who had his doubts when Panthera was assigned to his anti-gang detail.

D'Mato related yet another side of Panthera strangely omitted from the litany of formal accusations wrought by his "superiors."

"He (Panthera) volunteers to help at a coffee-house for underprivileged kids," D'Mato added. "He is a man of his word. What he says, he follows through on..."

Panthera also volunteers his time teaching Karate at another youth group.

Panthera's immediate dilemma appears to stem from a June, 2000 incident when Panthera responded to an alarm at Service Merchandise.

According to the latter's testimony, while Officer Panthera searched the building, his superior, Lieutenant Frank Raglione remained behind "being flirtatious with a female employee who was called to the scene."

Panthera, in a formal complaint to his supervisor the following day, charged while Raglione was giving

(the female employee) "goo goo eyes," he "jeopardized his (Panthera's) safety by not searching the inside of the store more quickly."

Clearly, the reasoning why a trained professional would risk the life of an unarmed, civilian employee by asking her to enter a suspect premises *before* a thorough search was conducted escapes even the most elemental logic.

But Panthera's complaint was not met with gratitude. Or even civility.

It was responded to with rancor and retaliation.

Not long after his reporting of the above incident, Panthera was mysteriously assigned to a cubicle where he was required to process clerical documents, a task which could have been admirably performed by a part-time high school student.

He was instructed not to have contact with his co-workers.

This continued, according to Panthera "for 5-6 months."

Carlos Panthera spent over 8 months away from his assigned duties while the official "investigation" continued.

O.L.P.D. rules specifically state:

"Any officer who acts in a manner tending to bring discredit upon himself or the Department... or who fails to exercise diligence, intelligence and interest in the pursuit of his duties may be deemed incompetent and shall be subject to dismissal from the Department."

Based upon the above criteria, several guilty individuals have, by reason of their rank and status, escaped censure, while an innocent victim is facing unjust dismissal.

And not too many people really seem to care one way or the other.

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## Neighbors complain about Bridgeview Floor Refinisher

by Jude Coyle

After reading that the Bridgeview Village Board approved a business license for a company called Floor Experts, at 8039 S. Octavia, residents from Octavia called the Village View office.

This business is operated out of a home. Neighbors wanted to talk about the frustration of living with this business, but were concerned about retaining their anonymity.

The company has been operating for about two years. They have advertised in the Yellow Pages during that time, but whether this is a new license or a renewal is unsure. When licenses are announced at the Village Board Meetings, designations are not noted.

Assuming that this is a new license, one of the individuals wondered if this meant that the owner could erect a sign on his front lawn.

The company is a floor refinisher. According to his neighbors, the home and business owner stores a number of the chemicals in his garage. Residents asked about the legalities involved in storing chemicals in this manner. A man expressed concern about how much damage would this cause if something exploded.

Another man was concerned about disposal habits. "He places at least one or 2 empty five gallon jugs on top of his trash cans each week. I can't

say what was in the containers, as the product names are written in Polish."

And yet again another neighbor claimed to have seen the owner discard flooring from outside work sites with his home trash. "At least twice, I've seen him pay the garbage man cash to take it away."

I spoke to a representative from Groehn Waste about businesses operating from their home. He commented that one can't control what most individuals throw into their home trash. If a company is operating from a home, that same company should make arrangements to have his business waste picked up separately. Some chemicals used in manufacturing or application processes can be hazardous, and should be treated as such.

Each morning, neighbors complained, the business owner and his employees juggle vehicles about in his driveway. He has two personal vehicles as well as three company vehicles, plus four or five employee vehicles. That usually happens at six a.m., when several of the neighbors are on their way to work. They are then trapped in their driveways or ordered to back out of Octavia by employees.

Deliveries are made throughout the day, and employees park on the street. Some of the neighbors commented that when parking is not

available either on the street or in the business owner's driveway, employees have parked in neighboring driveways.

"There are so many cars parked on the street," one man said, "He moved his mailbox so that he could get his mail." Only he moved it directly in front of a fire hydrant.

Another neighbor complained that during the worst of the snowstorm in December, when vehicles were being ticketed or towed, employee cars were ignored and allowed to park wherever. The individual who commented about this wondered why.

Neighbors reported having spoken to Mayor Landek several times, and to Trustee Wayne Grabinski at least once about the situation.

According to one man, Mayor Landek promised to pass the information on to the compliance officer. That was a while ago, he said, and not much has changed.





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## County Clerk reduces voter error

By Rick Techman

In an effort by the Cook County Clerk's office to be sure every legitimate vote is counted in the April 3 consolidated election throughout the suburbs numerous safeguards will be in place that have already been tested in 353 suburban precincts and two city wards during the February 27 primary election.

Though there will be no changes in the polling booths themselves, protections have been initiated by Cook County Clerk David Orr that will address the issue of undervotes and overvotes cast on election day. The new precinct ballot counter, (PBC), will be able to identify when no vote is cast in a race, an undervote.

The new PBC will also detect an overvote, a situation where more than one vote is cast in the same race. Also detectable by the PBC is a ballot not signed by the election judge at the polls during the election day process. Orr explained, "Voters will know with certainty that their votes are valid and will count. This will," he continued, "ultimately ensure a more accurate vote count in Cook County."

A spokesman for the Clerk's office added the new PBC's were in use throughout Chicago and Cook County during the Presidential election of November, 2000 but the use of the undervote and overvote safeguards had not yet been approved by the state legislature and therefore went unused.

But, the spokesman explained, results from the February primary's test precincts showed detecting undervotes and overvotes in each race, and giving voters the opportunity to make corrections, considerably reduced the number of unrecorded votes.

He added a judge granted the clerk's office and the Chicago Board of Elections the authority to use the new PBC's to measure undervotes and overvotes in a limited capacity in the February 27 primary. After seeing the results of each race, the judge extended the order to allow these new voter protections to be in use in all 2,474 precincts in suburban Cook County for the April 3 election.

Orr said he supported additional voter protections that will not yet be in place by April 3. By the March, 2002 primary, Orr said he would like to see voters able to insert their ballots in the PBC rather than the election judge. This, he said would allow for added privacy and security. Orr also said he would continue to lobby the Illinois General Assembly to make these temporary voter protections permanent.

"Alerting voters," Orr also said, "to problems and giving them a second-chance opportunity to mark their ballot correctly will dramatically reduce the number of intended, yet unrecorded votes."



## Holy Name and scouts serve breakfast

About 200 people turned out for the St. Jane de Chantal Holy Name Society Ham-O-Rama activity at Ward Hall, 5159 S. McVicker, Sunday, March 25. HNS Treasurer Lou Rexing, co-chairman of this event, said, "We run two events a year. This one and the spaghetti dinner in November. We sponsor," he continued, "the boy scouts through our charitable donation and they in turn assist us when we have events." The menu included ham, eggs, sausages, potatoes, and gravy. Dozens of HNS members and boy scouts participated. Milk, juice, coffee, fruit and donuts were also served. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)



## Local scout gets Eagle award

Andy Wilk, a boy scout from the St. Jane de Chantal Holy Name Society troop 671, recently completed his Eagle Scout project to earn the distinguished Eagle award. Andy's project included the collection of travel size toiletries for distribution to the consumers at Harper House, a homeless shelter on Chicago's north side. Andy and the members of his troop also prepared and served the consumer meal Sunday, March 18, the day the toiletries were distributed. Remaining toiletries currently available following the March 18 distribution will be delivered to the local PADS shelter near 63rd and Western. (caption by Rick Techman)

## Oak Lawn School Board District 229 Candidates

**Mary Cerceo**  
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\*Oak Lawn Kiwanis Club  
\*District #123 Educational Foundation Trustee

**Bob Foster**  
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\*Local #13 Carpenter  
\*Hometown Resident  
\*OLCHS Graduate  
\*Our Lady of Loretto Parish

**Michelle Moses**  
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# Have a voice in local government

by Matt Mayer

On April 3rd, the polls will be open once again, this time for local elections. It is just a short five months since the Presidential election of 2000, which provided an opportunity for one to watch our democracy unfold before our very eyes, while history was simultaneously being made, through this tenacious and rigorous process. We also had a rare opportunity to witness a slue of lawsuits, which challenged constitutional law. This process provided a real life civics lesson for all Americans, as well as people of other nations. Ironically, the number of people that either didn't pay any or very little attention to this process was believed to be staggering.

The voter turnout for the 2000 Presidential election, for example, was only 51.2% of registered voters, even though this was predicted to be the tightest Presidential election since 1960, when Kennedy beat Nixon by a slight margin. However this was a slight increase over the 1996 Presidential election turnout of 49%. Voter apathy isn't anything new. Back in the Ozzie and Harriet days of 1960, the voter turn out was

only 63.1% This figure was and remains the highest in history.

Voter apathy unfortunately increases in local elections, resulting in even lower voter turnouts. Local elections, in many instances, may be even more important than federal elections. The results of local elections have a direct effect on our everyday life, from the people who obtain office, to the results of referendums that may appear on the ballot.

The excuses for not voting in local elections are typically the same for federal elections, such as "I don't have time!" It was this, along with the 2000 presidential election dispute that inspired many CEO's of technology companies to make the claim that internet voting is the answer. In a USA TODAY article, Jim Cannavino, CEO of computer security firm CyberSafe, claims a secure internet voting system could be ready in eight years, possibly four, but he predicts it won't happen until 2050.

He claims it will take government leaders that long to understand the system well enough to approve it and that it will be almost as long before Americans no longer fear that hackers could throw

the election. Several other technology CEOs say that most all issues could be resolved with the combination of passwords and \$1 smart cards that limit encryption to limit use to one person. However in cyberspace there would be no definite way to tell who was actually casting the votes or who may be coaching them on their selections.

The most common excuse is "My vote doesn't really count!" in the 2000 Presidential election and go on to become the 43rd President of the United States. The Democrats claimed that former Vice President, Al Gore, would have won the election if a hand recount had occurred. Democrats had expected to net about 600 additional votes in Miami-Dade county, which would have been enough to overcome Bush's 537 vote margin. However, in an independent study done for USA TODAY, THE MIAMI HERALD, and the KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS, it was revealed that gore would have had a net gain of only 49 votes, if the most lenient standard, counting even faintly dimpled chads, had been used. If the standard had been more stringent, George W.

Bush probably would have gained votes. The Florida scenario should finally negate the notion that "My vote doesn't really count." On April 3rd, no matter who wins, the phrase that will be used will be "The people have spoken." Let's not let the voice of apathy be heard.

Matt Mayer is the former founder and managing director of Resource Development Group, a service management training, speaking and consulting practice. He may be contacted by writing to Matt Mayer at P.O. Box 67, Chicago Ridge, IL

**Sparklers (SB 523)** Allows municipalities to prohibit the sale and use of sparklers on public property.

**Minors and drugs (SB 3)** Allows anyone injured by a drunk or drugged minor to sue the adult who sells, gives or delivers drugs or alcohol to the minor.

**STD testing (SB 1049)** Requires testing of sexual assault defendants for STD's and allow tests to be completed even if the defendant is unfit to stand trial.

# O'Malley addresses railroad crossing

Mayors in 27 south and southwestern suburban communities will be further empowered to address railroad crossing problems and congestion, under legislation sponsored by State Senator Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park) and approved by the Illinois Senate.

Senate Bill 400 creates the Southwest Suburban Railroad Redevelopment Authority. The Authority members will work to find ways and means to rehabilitate and redevelop railroad facilities within the area.

"The location and poor condition of many railroad grade crossings, and the fact that many of them are chronically blocked, are a threat to the health and safety of motorists and pedestrians in the southwest metropolitan region," O'Malley said. "Establishing the Southwest Suburban Railroad Redevelopment Authority allows local officials to play a more integral role in addressing these problems."

The Southwest Suburban railroad Redevelopment Authority will include the may-

ors, or their designees, of Alsip, Bedford Park, Blue Island, Bridgeview, Burbank, Chicago Heights, Chicago Ridge, Crestwood, Dixmoor, Dolton, Evergreen Park, Glenwood, Harvey, Lansing, Markham, Merriquette Park, Midlothian, Oak Forest, Oak Lawn, Orland Park, Palos Heights, Palos Park, Posen, Riverdale, Robbins, and Worth.

The 18th District Senator says railroad officials advised him that it takes roughly 150 hours on average to move a freight train from New York City to Los Angeles, and approximately 70 hours are spent in the Chicago switching area

"Interest in the Southwest Suburban Railroad Redevelopment Authority has skyrocketed since the legislation was first introduced in January 2000," says O'Malley."

Senate Bill 400 now moves to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

# Senate week in review

The ban of a dangerous fuel additive, more accountability for tollways, and allowing children to claim back child support payments after they turn 18 years old are a few of the measures approved recently by the Illinois State Senate, according to State Senator Christine Radogno (R-LaGrange).

Senate Bill 364 prohibits the sale and production of MTBE as a fuel additive in Illinois. Already, Illinois requires labeling of MTBE fuels because of harmful effects on the environment. Increased production and use of other fuel additives, such as ethanol, will fill the gap.

Under Senate Bill 661, children owed child support payments could still seek repayment after they reach 18 years of age. Many deadbeat parents avoid payment by hiding from collection efforts until the child is emancipated. The bill allows the courts to use collection incentives, such as

drivers license suspension or criminal prosecution, even after the child turns 18.

Senate Bill 275 requires the Illinois Toll Highway Authority to be accountable for its income, expenditures, and debt. The measure requires a comprehensive strategic financial plan including detailed information on income, expenditures, debts, capital needs and planned extensions, and how it will fund its debt, unmet capital needs, and extensions.

The House will consider all three measures. The following were a few of the measures also approved and sent to the House:

**Too drunk defense (SB 265)** Eliminates the defense that persons under the influence of drugs or alcohol were too intoxicated to know better when committing a crime.

**Car Keys (SB 115)** Car dealers may not issue replacement keys for a vehicle unless the person can prove they own the car.

**Dangerous dogs (SB 653)** Requires dangerous dogs to

be muzzled and leashed in public.

**Animal Fighting (SB 629)** Seeks to reduce illegal animal fighting through increased reporting by veterinarians and penalties for adults who use minors to avoid prosecution in fighting enterprises.

**Domestic Violence Victims (SB 657)** Prevents discrimination against victims of domestic violence for taking time off for court appearances, medical treatments or counselling.

**Cell Phones (SB 504)** Allows single earphone headsets while driving.

**School attendance (SB 1026)** Charges anyone who threatens, menaces or intimidates school students from attending school with a Class A misdemeanor.

**DUI Fines (SB 64)** Increases the fine DUI offenders pay to trauma centers from \$25 to \$100 for a first offense and \$200 for subsequent offenses. Creates an additional \$5 fine to benefit spinal cord injuries.



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## Dear Editor

Last week, the Illinois House of Representatives passed a significant piece of legislation, of which I am a co-sponsor, that would offer critical assistance to many working families in our district and state. The measure is called FamilyCare, and it would provide health insurance coverage to the uninsured parents of children covered by KidCare or Medicaid. If enacted, FamilyCare would make 200,000 adults and 15,000 more children eligible for health insurance coverage.

Unfortunately, 1.7 million Illinois residents still lack health insurance coverage. Through our state's KidCare program, we have begun to address this problem by insuring over 146,000 Illinois children. However, parents without access to preventative health care are far more likely to face costly medical crises and resultant job loss, which threatens the stability of the very children we want to protect. By providing insurance to the parents of KidCare children, we would not only ensure the financial security of low income working families, but we would further encourage parents to seek insurance coverage and medical care crucial to their children's well being.

In addition, expanding

KidCare to include working parents would be the most worthwhile way for our state to collect its entire allotment of federal money. Because Illinois has a surplus in federal KidCare dollars, sixty-five percent of the \$180 million cost of the initiative would be born by the federal government. If Illinois does not spend the money already allocated for KidCare, more than \$100 million dollars that can be used to benefit Illinois families will be reallocated to other states.

Given that the FamilyCare initiative has received bipartisan support in the House, and enjoys an unusually diverse coalition of support among business, health care and labor organizations, I am hopeful of its chances for passage in the Senate. However, I ask all concerned residents, if they believe as I do that it is important to support programs that keep parents healthy, working, and contributing to our tax base, to call their State Senators and voice their support for this important measure.

James D. Brosnahan  
State Representative  
36th District



brary, 9400 S. Troy. The group meets on the last Wednesday of each month to discuss great books. Please drop by the library to sign up or call (708) 422-8522.

## Young Readers Book Club

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## SPC Pregnancy & Family Services Annual Hike

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## Garden Center's Semi Annual Rummage Sale

Garden Center for the Handicapped needs rummage for their Semi-annual Rummage Sale. Donations of rummage will be accepted Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at 8333 South Austin Avenue, Burbank.

Rummage Sale will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 26, 27, and 28; Bake Sale Thursday and Friday. For further information, please call 708-636-0054.

## Evergreen Park Library News

Cheryl Kuba offers a unique perspective on eldercare, "What are you doing the rest of their lives?" a free program at the Evergreen Park Library, April 10 at 7:00 pm.

Gain insight into lifestyle changes for aging parents, and learn about professional tools and resources to make the eldercare giving experience a little smoother. Please call (708) 422-8522 to register.

## VA helps veterans pay for prescriptions

11 Million veterans are over the age of 60. Many of these older veterans have trouble paying for prescription medications. Veterans should know that free or low-cost prescription drugs are available through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

A prescription filled by the VA is only \$2 for a 30-day supply (disabled or low-income veterans can receive medications for free). This benefit is available to any man or woman who was honorably discharged from the military. (Veterans discharged after 1980 must have at least 2 years of service).

A vet must enroll with the VA and must be seen by a VA doctor (prescriptions written by private doctors cannot be filled through the VA). Vets can visit doctors at VA hospitals or VA community-based outpatient clinics. There is a charge to see a VA doctor, but insurance may cover the charge. (Disabled or low-income vets can visit doctors for free).

The number for the VA Health Benefits Service Center is 877/222-VETS (toll-free), or visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).

## Secretary of State offers safety tips

The office of Jesse White, Secretary of State, offered traffic safety tips. Driving at night can be difficult and dangerous. The contrast between surrounding darkness and glaring brightness of oncoming headlights may cause drivers to be momentarily blinded.

Overdriving your headlights means driving too fast to stop within the distance illuminated by your lights, about 350 feet.

If you are suddenly blinded by the headlights of an oncoming vehicle, you should glance quickly between the right edge of the road and the road in front of you.

You should dim your brights within 500 feet of an approaching vehicle, or within 300 feet of the vehicle in front of you.

If streetlights cause a disturbing glare, dim your dashboard lights and use your sun visor.

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## Ask Social Security

By Rosalie Thompson

The Social Security Administration offices at 8658 S. Sacramento in Chicago answer your questions:

**My ex-wife died a month ago. Are our children, ages 11 and 14, eligible for Social Security benefits? Possibly. It depends on whether she had enough work credits to be insured. Apply for survivor benefits promptly because benefits are generally retroactive for only up to 6 months. You can apply by calling toll-free 1-800-772-1213.**

**My mom died 3 years ago and I've been receiving Social Security benefits on her record. I am going to graduate from high school in May, but I will not be 18 until September. Will my benefits stop the month I graduate or the month I turn 18? Your benefits will stop the month you turn 18 unless you are a full-time student at an elementary or secondary school or you qualify for childhood disability benefits.**

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# Suburban O'Hare Commission

## Summary of Question and Answers from Suburban O'Hare Commission including their suggestions.

We have respectfully posed some questions and posited some answers for your consideration. We believe that a thorough and candid examination and discussion of these questions leads to only one conclusion: we should build a new airport and we should not expand O'Hare.

But more than raising questions, we also have several concrete suggestions for addressing the region's air transportation needs:

1. Let's stop the paper shuffling and build the new airport. The program will outline in this document is virtually identical to the proposal drafted by Mayor Daley for construction of the Lake Calumet Airport. We believe that a cooperative fast track planning and construction program for a new airport could see the new airport open for service in three to five years.

2. The money, resources and legal authority to build

the new airport can be assembled by passage of a regional airport authority bill similar to the regional airport authority bill drafted in 1992 by Mayor Daley for the Lake Calumet project. Other than the need for explicit protection against O'Hare expansion, we would agree to virtually the entire text of the Daley Lake Calumet bill as drafted by him.

3. Give the O'Hare suburbs guaranteed protection against further expansion of O'Hare. Such guarantees are needed not only for our protection but also for the viability of the new regional airport.

4. Provide soundproofing for all of the noise impacted residences around O'Hare and Midway. The new airport addresses future needs; it does not correct existing problems caused by existing levels of traffic.

5. Initiate a regulatory program to control and reduce air toxic emissions from O'Hare.

6. Fix the short term delay and congestion at O'Hare by returning to a recognition

of the existing capacity limits of the airport. The delays and congestion now experienced at O'Hare is a self inflicted wound brought about by airline attempts to stuff too many planes into that airport. The delays and congestion will be dramatically reduced immediately by reducing scheduled traffic to a level consistent with the existing capacity of the airport.

7. Demand a break up and reform of the Fortress Hub anti-competitive phenomenon -- both at O'Hare and at other Fortress Hubs around the nation. This can be done with either aggressive anti-trust enforcement or with proper oversight of the disbursement of massive federal subsidies.

8. The entire World Gateway Program should be examined in light of the questions raised here and should be modified or abandoned depending on the answers provided to these questions.

We wish to dispel any thoughts that the Suburban O'Hare Commission -- and the public officials who support the Hyde Jackson Initia-

tive -- have somehow been opposed to serious debate on these questions. We have and remain willing to publicly debate and discuss these issues.

More important, we are willing to enter constructive discussions with Chicago and the airlines to address the needs of the region. But for the reasons we believe we have clearly stated above, we continue to oppose any further expansion of O'Hare and urge the rapid construction of a new regional airport.

## Kiwi Fashion Show and Luncheon

The Chicago Kiwi Club is suiting up for an afternoon of fashion and fun. The 42nd Annual Kiwi Fashion Show and Luncheon, "Kiwi Karamba," will hit the runway on Saturday, April 7th, at the Drury Lane in Oak Brook. This year's fashion will feature fashions from That Girl Boutique and Children's Fashions by Munchin Land both located in Worth, IL. The Chicago Kiwi Club is a national organization made up of past and present American Airline flight

attendants. The Kiwi Karamba Fashion Show is a charity event benefiting Park Lawn School and Activity Center.

Programs and services include a school, vocational workshop, residential living and community employment. Recreational, counseling and health services are also provided. All proceeds generated through Kiwi Karamba Fashion Show will benefit individuals enrolled in Park Lawn programs.

Fashion Show and Luncheon tickets are \$40 and may be reserved by calling Ruth Banas at 219-836-5387 or the Park Lawn Development office at 708-425-6867.

## Palos Hills offers yoga

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering a second session of the Midday Reawakening Class (day time yoga) starting April 17-June 7. This is a Tuesday and/or Thursday class from 10:30-11:30 am. Those 18 years of age and older are welcome. The fee for residents for one day a week (Tuesday or Thursday) is \$28, non-residents is \$33. Fee for two days a week for residents is \$51, \$56 for non-residents. Registration is on now at the Park Department.

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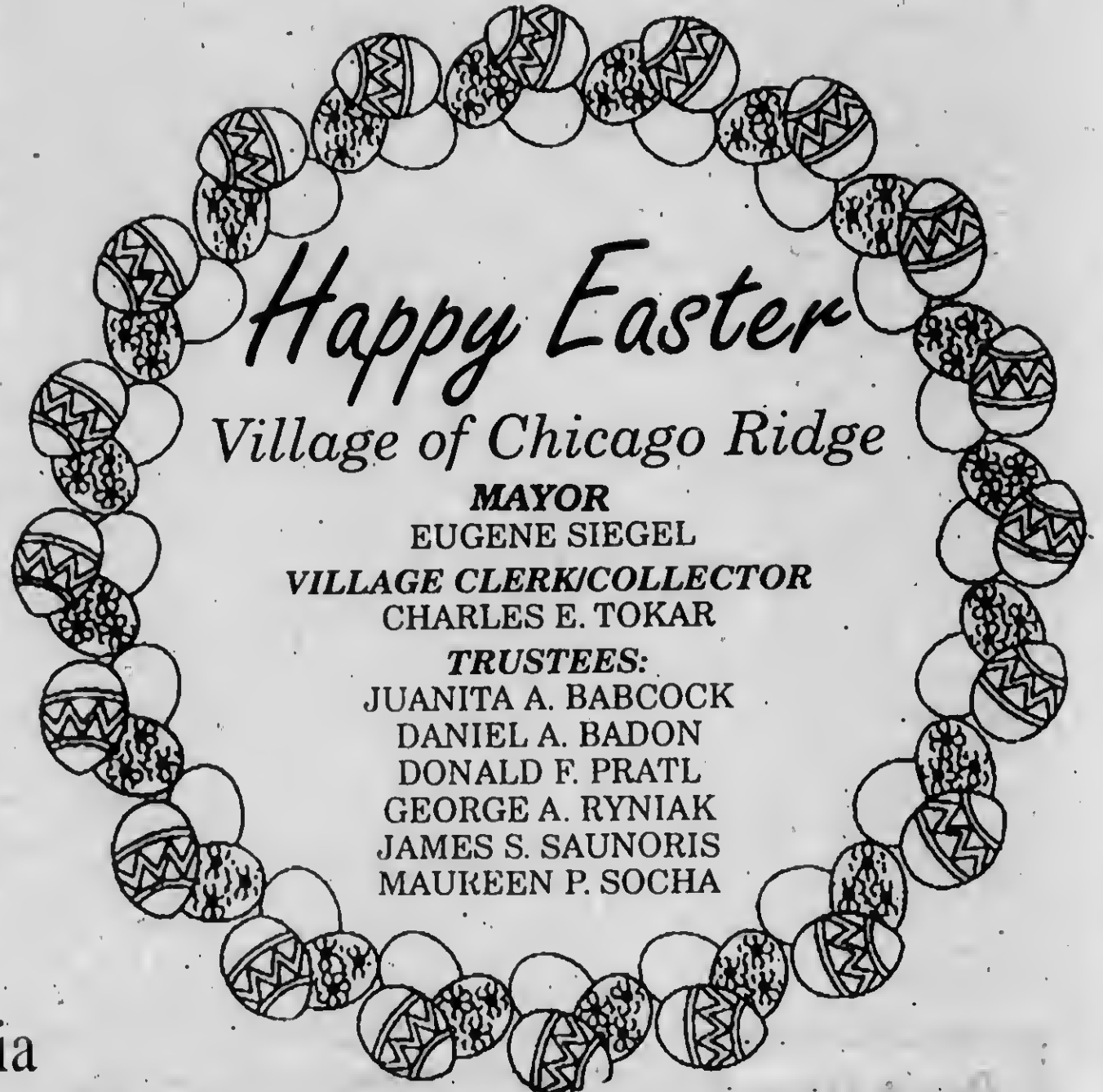
Saint Xavier University's School of Nursing and Center for Nursing Scholarship will conduct a workshop for those interested in establishing a Parish Nurse Program for their congregation. *Why a Parish Nurse? Why a Congregation? Why Now? The Basics of Ministry of Parish Nursing Practice* will be Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Andrew Conference Center at Saint Xavier University, 3700 W. 103rd Street in Chicago.

The program will provide an introduction to Parish Nursing and cover topics including an overview of the history and philosophy of Parish Nursing, how to develop and structure your parish program, legal aspects, and a guide to documentation.

Featured speakers will include Ann Solari-Twadell, RN, BSN, JD, Legal Consultant for Advocate Health Care.

The workshop's registration fee is \$80 and provides 6 contact hours of continuing education credit. Lunch is included. To register, please contact Karen O'Brien at 773-298-3729 or Michele Poradzisz at 773-298-3730. For more information or a registration form, log on to [www.sxu.edu/academ/nursing/cine](http://www.sxu.edu/academ/nursing/cine).

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## "Philadelphia Story" at Beverly Theatre Guild

The Beverly Theatre Guild has announced the cast for the last show of the 2000-2001 theater season, "The Philadelphia Story". This classic romantic comedy by Phillip Barry will be presented on April 27 and 28 at 8pm, and on April 29 at 2pm at the Beverly Art Center, 2153 West 111th Street in Chicago. The show is directed by James Bagnall.

The cast includes: Christine Mikulskis, Tony Carsella, Laura Proser, Melanie Jacobs, Dennis Dawe, Dave Denham, Mike Doody, Bob Zeit, Jerry Sweders, Donna Renee, Dick Seaman, Warren Miller, George MacDonald, Jaqui Logan, Kolleen Kriska; and Amanda Barclay is the assistant Director and Cindy McKnown and Barbara Moore are the Co-Producers.

Tickets are \$14, \$12 for seniors and students. There is a special "taxpayer discount", with \$2 off all tickets purchased before April 15th.

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## New Director of Leasing at Evergreen Plaza

Hy Brandelstein recently joined the management team at Evergreen Plaza, 9730 S. Western Avenue, as the center's Director of Leasing.

A familiar face to many, Brandelstein spent 15 years at the Plaza before leaving five years ago to work for Jones Lang LaSalle.

"We knew that Hy Brandelstein was an important part of Evergreen Plaza before he left for other pursuits, but we are even more pleased about his return now that he's garnered such extensive outside experience," said Bruce Provo of the Provo Group, managing general partner of Evergreen Plaza.

Brandelstein, 54, has 23 years of experience in commercial real estate. Prior to his real estate career, he spent 11 years managing shoe and clothing stores in Chicagoland.

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## Advance Bank Prosperity Club trip to Amish Acres

The Advance Bank Prosperity Club has exciting travel opportunities coming up. Members and non-members can enjoy a one day journey to Amish Acres on April 28th, be entertained at a Night Club at Noon party on May 9th, and spend the day at Apple Holler on May 31st.

Other one day programs include a performance of *High Society*, with dinner at Phil Schmidt's on June 7th; a performance of the uplifting musical *MaMa Mia!* with a luncheon at Berghoff's on June 20th.

The Prosperity Club is also hosting a free seminar and play at 10 am on April 25th at the Homewood office, 18300 Dixie Highway. *Who Gets Granny's Yellow Pie Plate* deals with the delicate subject of planning ahead for the transfer of personal items. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. In late July, our club members will enjoy a 7 day journey around the Pacific Northwest.

For further details, please call the customer relations center in Lansing at (708) 418-2600.

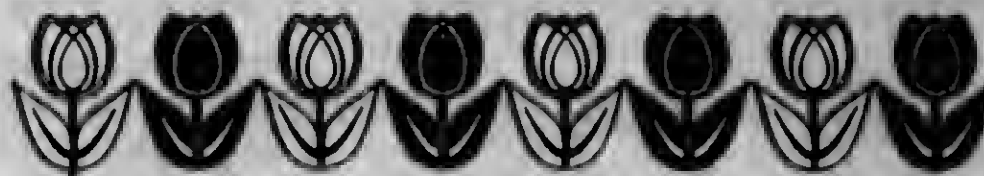
## Children's Place opens in Evergreen Plaza

America's leading designer of hip and trendy fashions for children, The Children's Place, is scheduled to open the week of March 20 in Evergreen Plaza, at 9500 S. Western Avenue in Evergreen Park. To herald the grand opening, the store is freshly decorated and customers are offered 15% off merchandise, as well as the chance to enter a raffle for a \$100 or \$50 gift card.

The Children's Place brand stands for value, quality, and commitment. The bright and airy 4,500 square foot store has been designed to promote a friendly and convenient shopping atmosphere for children and adults. Display racks and shelves are neatly arranged to separate each of the departments, which range from newborn to boys and girls size 14, and provide easy viewing of the collections available.

For more information, please visit them on the Web at [www.childrensplace.com](http://www.childrensplace.com).

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## Barnett's history is in the bag but its future is entire attire

Barnett's is a store that has served generations of Evergreen Plaza shoppers. Baby boomers remember their moms selecting the perfect bag, for day or evening wear, from the wide variety of high quality purses. As teens, the same girls began choosing their own handbags and now they're bringing their daughters to this favorite store. But now, moms and their daughters have much more to choose from when they shop Barnett's: attire for the entire woman.

When the late Louis Barnett opened his Evergreen Plaza store 47 years ago, the mall was only in its second year of operation, and the concept of enclosed shopping centers was still brand new. Evergreen Plaza was the first regional indoor mall. "My father realized that shopping centers were the future of retail," said Paul Barnett, who joined his father in the family business 35 years ago.

And Barnett's continues to look toward the future in Evergreen Plaza, recently moving into an 11,000 square foot space and expanding its lines of quality merchandise to include casual and dress apparel and outerwear.

For many years Barnett's business was based on selling

quality purses, accessories and costume jewelry. Mr. Barnett believed in good business to business to community relations, and founded the Evergreen Plaza Merchants Council, an organization that remains active.

Over the years, Paul Barnett opened Barnett's stores in the River Oaks and Ford City shopping centers, but it's only the Evergreen Plaza store that has been expanded and repositioned to dress the entire woman, as well as offering selected merchandise for children and men. The new Barnett's space was formerly occupied by Evans. Paul Barnett believes that his store should do much more than simply fill that space, it should provide the kinds of quality apparel that discerning shoppers are looking for since the Evans store closed.

Added to the Barnett's line of merchandise that continues to include the top brand names in purses and accessories, its apparel from Coach Leatherwear, Dooney & Bourke, Kasper Suits, Onyx, and St. Germaine. Marc Singer Softwear represents new lines of apparel from young designers. Top of the line outerwear is offered from Tyber of New York, Davoucci for Kids, and

Brooklyn Leather for adult and children in custom colors personally specified by Paul Barnett.

Barnett closely follows the trends, not just in what his clients are looking for, but as he travels throughout North America on buying trips. "Casual wear, such as Coogi and Denim by Coogi, are a trend," Barnett said. "People spend more on casual wear because they can wear it more often and get more value from it."

Barnett's newest arrival is furs. They have been a terrific seller during this snowy and cold winter. Barnett stocks only Montreal furs. "They are the experts in the business," he said. In his experience, Montreal furs offer the highest quality and most skillful construction. Coming next year is an expanded collection of furs and leathers for men.

Customer service at Barnett's matches the quality of merchandise. "Our employees are knowledgeable and professional," Barnett said, explaining the new employees are trained by experienced Barnett's sales staff for a number of weeks before waiting on customers. At a shop that accepts custom orders and has a nearly five decade history of service, style and quality, an exceptional staff is a must.

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Worth is an established community that would be better served by a part time Building Commissioner, using qualified, on call inspectors as needed. The savings in salary and benefits could be used to provide low cost, quality inspections and reduced permit fees.

*The Integrity Party cares about its seniors. We plan to start a new program called "Lifelines" for this village, to check on the safety of our elderly or disabled residents who may live alone. This program will be run at no cost to those who need this service. A simple phone call in the morning and the evening*

*will ensure that those living alone are safe and not in need of assistance.*

*The Integrity Party will cut legal bills and use that extra money for programs and projects within the village. At present, our legal bills are over a quarter of a million dollars. This is unheard of and unprecedented for a village of this size. It's no surprise that the village attorney gave the mayor's campaign fund \$3,180.00. "This was the largest single donation that Odelson & Sterk made to any political fund." We believe that this money could be better spent on the village and it's residents, not on attorneys.*

*The Integrity Party will complete the recreational facility long planned for the Cal Sag property. When residents voted to pass the \$7.1 million bond issue for the golf course, it was with the promise that the money would be spent on a golf course, a marina and a recreational center for Worth. We all had visions of a beautiful area to walk, play games, and just sit and enjoy the weather. Five years later, that area is*

*just a field of high weeds and the money to develop it is long gone. We will complete that facility and make it an area for Worth residents.*

## Editorial

by Annette Dixon

Endorsing candidates for the mayoral position in various villages is not a common procedure for this publisher.

The mayor of Chicago Ridge, Eugene Siegel, deserves to win another 4 years!

Eugene Siegel first ran for an unexpired term over 26 years ago. During those 26 years, the people of Chicago Ridge continuously voted him the mayor. There were no streets, shopping centers, benefits of a home rule community, or tax rebates. This man worked and dedicated his life for the people of Chicago Ridge. He has given the people of Chicago Ridge a community unlike any other in this area.

Siegel is challenged by George Schleyer who never contacted this paper regarding his candidacy. I have to question how serious he is as a candidate. Eugene Siegel no matter how many elections he won, still ap-

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proached this newspaper with a desire to spread his news about his candidacy.

We recommend Eugene Siegel for Mayor of Chicago Ridge.

## Endorsement

Philip Lucerto of Homewood has been mayor and is currently a trustee.

He is now running for mayor in this election. He truly can show leadership the city deserves and needs your vote.

Village View endorses Philip Lucerto for Mayor!

Mary Rhein -- for Village Trustee

\*20 year resident  
\*Fought to keep the Metra Station in Worth  
\*Volunteer for Our Lady of the Ridge School Parent Club  
\*Volunteer for Worth Athletic Association  
\*Married to husband, Jack, they have 2 children, Tom and Joe

## Integrity Party

Ed Guzdziol -- for Village President

\*30 year resident of Worth  
\*Worth Trustee since 1991  
\*Chairman of Water and Sewer Committee  
\*Teacher at Worth Junior High School for 30 years  
\*Masters degree in teaching physics from Roosevelt University in 1972  
\*Past President of Worth Education Association  
\*Married to wife, Anita -- they have two grown children, Gary and Christine  
\*Secretary of the Lions Club

Barb Kluchins-Adamski -- for Village Trustee

\*42 year resident of Worth  
\*Served as Vice President of Our Lady of the Ridge Church's Women's Guild  
\*Members of Mothers Against Drunk Driving since the death of her husband  
\*Counsels women with similar loss through Palos Community Hospital Grievance Counseling  
\*Currently works as admitting clerk at Palos Community Hospital Emergency Department  
\*Three children, Larry, Luke, and Lea

Kevin Werner-- for Village Trustee

\*17 year resident of Worth  
\*Worth Park District Commissioner  
\*Past President of Worth Planning and Zoning Commission and Fair Housing Review Board  
\*President of Worth Athletic Association for 2 years  
\*Vice President of Worth Soccer Association for 2 years  
\*Founded Sacred Heart Catholic Church Bereavement Ministry Program  
\*Member of Sacred Heart Spiritual Life Commission  
\*Married to wife, Debra -- they have 2 children, Adam and Elizabeth

Bonnie Price -- for Village Clerk

\*13 year resident of Worth  
\*Worth Park District Commissioner  
\*Past President of Worth Athletic Association  
\*Member of Women's Auxiliary of Marris-Meyer Legion Post  
\*Active parent at Goldie Floberg Center for disabled children  
\*Volunteer for Park Lawn Center in Oak Lawn  
\*Currently works at Palos Hospital as a desk top printer  
\*Two children, Jim and Shannon

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- Preserve the Downtown Area for Small Businesses
- Maintain Public Safety

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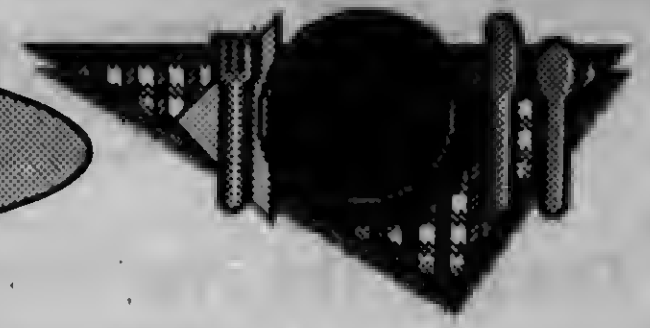
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# FOOD FOR SECONDS



## Easter meals from the buffet

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### Lemon Fruit Salad

1 11 ounce can mandarin orange sections  
1 8 3/4 ounce can peach slices  
1 8 3/4 ounce can pineapple tidbits  
1 8 1/4 ounce can light seedless grapes  
1/4 cup sliced maraschino cherries  
1 3 1/4 ounce package lemon tapioca pudding mix  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1 cup tiny marshmallows  
2 cups frozen whipped dessert topping, thawed

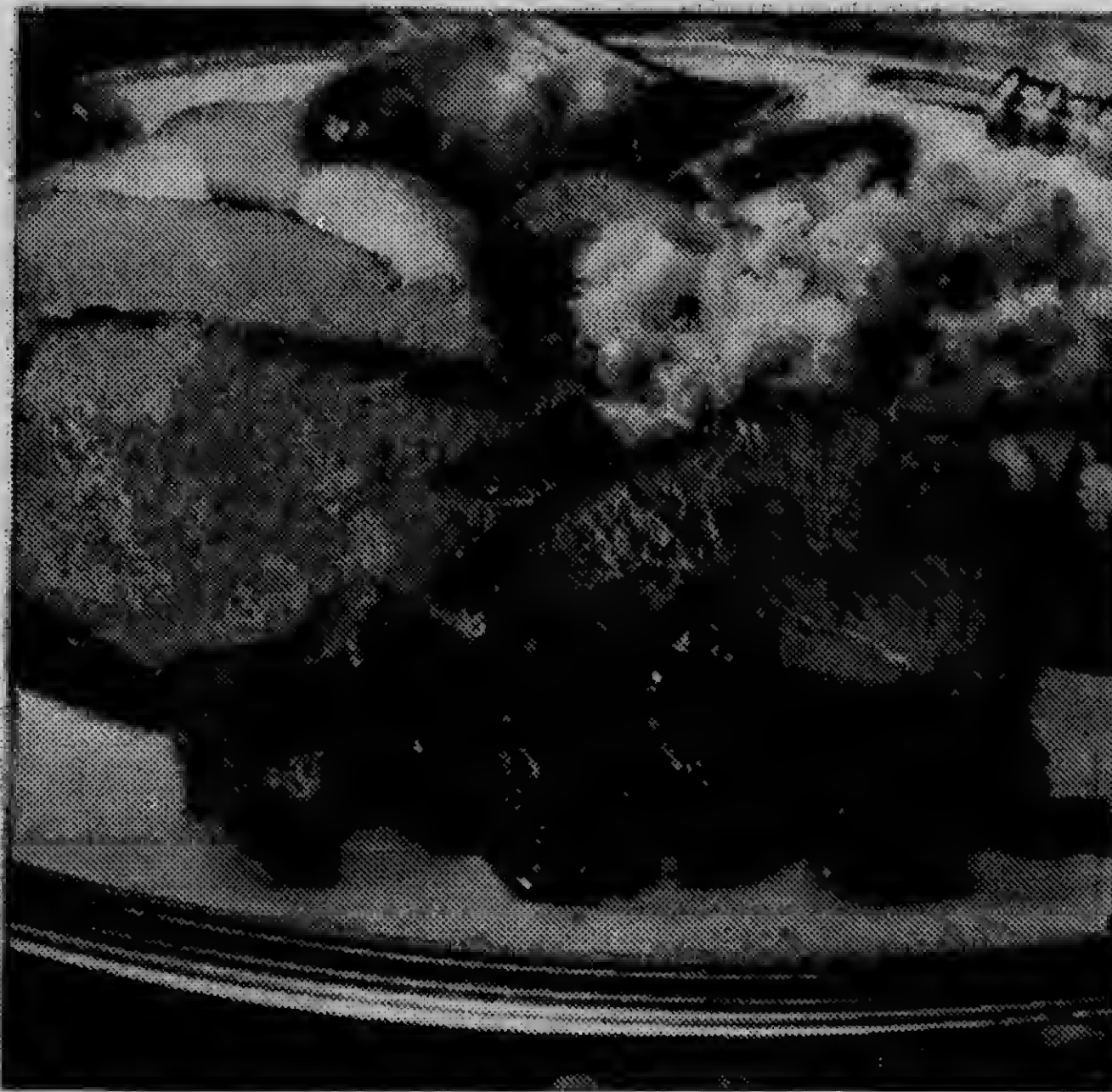
Drain fruits; reserve 1 1/2 cups syrup. Prepare pudding according to package directions, except substitute reserved 1 1/2 cups syrup for milk called for on package. Stir in lemon juice. Cover surface of pudding with waxed paper; cool. Remove paper. Dice peaches; fold into pudding with other fruits and marshmallows. Fold in thawed topping. Chill well. Makes 12 servings.

### Pickled Eggs

In saucepan combine 1 cup tarragon vinegar; 1 cup water; 2 tablespoons sugar; 1 teaspoon salt; 1/2 teaspoon celery seed; 1 clove garlic, minced; and 2 bay leaves. Bring to a boil; simmer 30 minutes. Cool. Shell 12 hard cooked eggs; pour vinegar mixture over eggs in crock, jar, or deep bowl. Cover; refrigerate 2 to 3 days. Makes 12.

### Mocha Dessert

1 cup finely crushed graham crackers (14 crackers)  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted  
3/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
2 envelopes unflavored gelatin  
2 teaspoons instant coffee crystals  
1/4 teaspoon salt



1 13 ounce can evaporated milk  
1 1/2 cups milk  
2 beaten egg yolks  
1 cup dairy sour cream  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 egg whites  
1/4 cup sugar  
Whipped cream  
Chocolate curls

Mix first 2 ingredients; add butter. Press firmly over bottom of 9x9x2 inch baking pan. Combine 3/4 cup sugar, cocoa, gelatin, coffee, and salt. Stir in milks; beat in yolks. Cook and stir over medium heat till all dissolves and mixture thickens slightly; remove from heat. Slowly stir into sour cream;

add vanilla. Chill till mixture mounds. Beat whites to soft peaks; gradually add 1/4 cup sugar; beat to stiff peaks. Fold into gelatin mixture. Pour over crust. Chill until mixture is firm. Garnish with whipped cream and chocolate curls. Serves 12.

### Cranberry-Glazed Ham

1 10 to 40 pound bone in fully cooked ham  
Whole cloves  
1 16 ounce can whole cranberry sauce  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
1/2 cup Burgundy  
2 teaspoons prepared mustard

Place ham, fat side up, in shallow roasting pan. Score fat in diamond pattern; stud with cloves. Insert meat thermometer. Bake at 325° till thermometer registers 135° to 140°, 2 1/2 to 3 hours.

In saucepan combine cranberry sauce, sugar, Burgundy, and mustard; simmer uncovered for 5 minutes. During last 30 minutes baking time, spoon half of glaze over ham.

**Parslied Sweet Potatoes**  
Cook fresh potatoes in boiling salted water till just tender, 30 to 40 minutes. Drain, peel. Cut cooked or canned potatoes crosswise into 1/2 inch slices. Arrange in 13x9x2 inch baking dish.

Sprinkle with salt. Mix butter, orange juice, parsley, and brown sugar; cook and stir over medium heat until butter melts and sugar dissolves. Pour over potatoes; coat well. Cover; bake at 325° till heated through, about 30 minutes. Garnish with orange slices, if desired. Serves 12.

### Deviled Chicken

1 cup fine dry bread crumbs  
4 teaspoons onion powder  
4 teaspoons curry powder  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon dry mustard  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/2 teaspoon paprika  
Dash cayenne  
2 1/2 pound, ready to cook broiler-fryer chickens, cut up

Milk  
Combine fine dry bread crumbs, onion powder, curry, salt, dry mustard, garlic powder, paprika, and cayenne; mix well. Dip chicken pieces in the milk, then in the crumb mixture. Place chicken, skin side up, in greased, shallow baking pan. Bake at 375° till done, about 1 hour. Chill chicken thoroughly.

### Carrot-Bean Relish

Combine one 8 1/4 ounce can sliced carrots, drained; one 8 ounce can cut green beans, drained; 1/4 cup chopped green pepper; and 1/4 cup sugar; 3 tablespoons salad oil; 2 tablespoons snipped parsley; 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano, crushed; and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Stir till sugar dissolves. Pour over vegetables; toss gently. Cover and chill overnight. Before serving, toss relish again to coat vegetables,

drain. Makes 2 1/2 cups.

### German Oat Cake

1 1/4 cups boiling water  
1 cup quick cooking rolled oats  
1/2 cup butter or margarine  
1 4 ounce package sweet cooking chocolate, broken up  
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour  
1 cup granulated sugar  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
3 eggs

### Caramel Nut Topping

In medium mixing bowl pour boiling water over quick cooking rolled oats; add butter or margarine and chocolate. Let stand 20 minutes; stir till well combined.

In large mixing bowl thoroughly stir together flour, granulated sugar, soda, and salt. Stir in brown sugar. Add eggs and oatmeal mixture. Beat at a low speed of electric mixer till thoroughly combined. Scrape sides of bowl. Turn in to greased and floured 13x9x2 inch baking pan. Bake at 350° till cake tests done, 35 to 40 minutes.

Spread caramel nut topping over hot cake. Broil 4 to 5 inches from heat till bubbly, about 1 minute. Serve warm or cool.

**Caramel Nut Topping:** In small saucepan cook and stir 3/4 cup packed brown sugar, 6 tablespoons butter or margarine, and 1/4 cup light cream till mixture comes to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer till thick, 2 to 3 minutes; stirring often. Add 1/2 cup chopped pecans.

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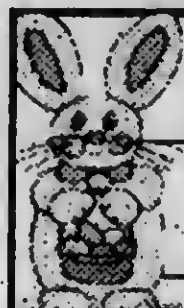
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years where she is active as  
an elder, is the Lay Coordi-  
nator and TEAM Calling  
Ministry Director. She also  
holds the positions of Editor  
of the church newsletter, Co-  
ordinator of blood drives,  
Co-coordinator of smorgas-  
bords, is the chairperson of  
the Spiritual Life and Admin-  
istration Personnel Commit-  
tees, is on the Finance and  
Congregational Life Com-  
mittees, sings in the choir,  
and leads an adult Bible  
study. In her "spare time,"  
Adeline volunteers for PADS  
and is an Advocate Hospice  
volunteer.

In 1999 she received an  
award for "Volunteers in

Congregational Care" from  
the Presbytery, in 2001 re-  
ceived her 5 year pin for Hos-  
pice, and was one of two re-  
cognized as "Volunteer of the  
Year." As a mother of grown  
children, Adeline decided it  
was never too late to help her  
"fellow man," and is now part  
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### Marist Spring Band Concert

The Marist High School  
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urday, April 7, 2001, at 7:00  
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sium, 4200 West 115th  
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Tenebrae Communion Service  
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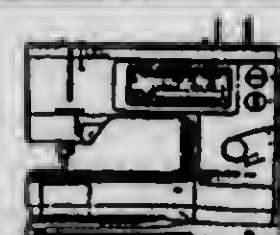
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The Clearing Civic League (CCL) is proud of its newest accomplishment, helping St. Rene grammar school receive sound abatement improvements, which include air conditioning, new windows, doors, and insulation to guard against the noise of airplanes.

The Midway Noise Compatibility Commission accepted the CCL's recommendation for St. Rene to be in-

cluded in the noise abatement program.

Dore School was rejected for the program, but CCL is requesting that the Commission make an additional noise study at the school, which is located at 6108 S. Natoma. Kennedy High School was put on to the waiting list.

The CCL is also working with Cornell Forge company to study ways to reduce noise. Clearing residents are advised to call (708) 458-1582 if the noise becomes unbearable.

The CCL also reports that Alderman Zelewski has informed them that construction on a new Walgreens will begin in May at 63rd and Austin.

## Oak Lawn High School craft show

The Oak Lawn Community High School PTSA will sponsor a Spring Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, April 7 from 10:00 am-4:00 pm at the high school, at 94th and Southwest Highway.

Handmade items from more than 100 exhibitors will be displayed, with soup, hot beef sandwiches, sloppy joes and more will be available in the Crafty Diner.

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will also present a "Business Expo" showcasing more than 40 local businesses.

The OLCHS Art Club will offer free face-painting for children and pictures with the Easter Bunny are free.

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### The Effects of Being Bullied

If you've ever been a student, chances are you've either experienced the pain of being bullied, or taken part in an act of bullying.

One such memory stands out in my mind, as clearly as if it happened yesterday, even though it actually took place over three decades ago. It happened in Mr. Keller's 6th grade history class. Back then, kids who didn't fit in were called queer, which is equivalent to the newer insults of geek and dork that are used by today's generation of school children.

The new girl had been taunted since, almost, the first day she set foot in the new school. Every day, she'd sit among the cool kids, but she was far from "cool" -- in their eyes. They never got to know her giving spirit, or her compassion for others. Instead, they picked on an awkward adolescent and relentlessly made fun of her pudgy facial features.

I often heard the giggles of the "cool" kids as they'd call her "cow cheeks" while passing by her desk. I remember how she'd sit there in silence, never acknowledging -- either way -- the hurt and pain that was clogging her young heart.

Each day, when the bell rang, signaling a changing of classes, I'd listen to the barrage of insults aimed at her, as the group of juvenile delinquents entertained themselves with jokes at her expense.

I was also in Mr. Keller's class the day the new kid was pushed to tears in total humiliation. As she went to take her seat, something incredibly awful happened. A fellow classmate offered her a chair, which she had no way of knowing was broken and unsteady. But her classmate knew it. As her full weight connected with the wobbly legs of the chair, it broke apart, sending her crashing to the floor. The prank had been deliberate. The class, anticipating this embarrassing result, roared with laughter. Of course, Mr. Keller tried to help



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help her by demanding that those responsible come forward. He even tried to coax the new girl into identifying who did it -- but she just sat there on the floor -- tears running down her face as the laughter echoed throughout the room.

Perhaps she knew there would be no salvation from these degrading acts of peer abuse.

I can still picture those cocky classmates, who thought they were so much better than everybody else. Of course now, as an adult, I realize they were only cowards whose coolness depended on the validation of others in "The Clique." And when I think of them now, I wonder if they ever once felt guilty for what they did to her, but I doubt it. Perhaps one day they'll feel the hurt through the broken heart of a child or grandchild, and maybe then they'll realize the devastating effects that verbal abuse and childhood pranks can cause. The name calling, the feeling of being ostracized, of not fitting in.

It may not kill like a gun, or pierce like a knife, but its damage can rob the dignity of the human spirit and, for the victim, the memories linger on.

Violence is becoming an epidemic in our schools. These days more and more victims are fighting back, with deadly results. And now, in hoping to quell all the tension and violence, officials are opening their eyes to what effect bullying has on students who are driven to the brink of despair.

My heart breaks for children whom live their life in the shadow of bullies and mean-spirited classmates.

Maybe it's because I was that new kid in Mr. Keller's class.

## Bill to encourage counseling before marriage

Chances are, you know of someone who was engaged on Valentine's Day or who is getting married this spring. As these newly engaged couples scramble to buy every available bridal magazine, wedding gown and invitation catalog, they are preparing for a wedding-but are they preparing for a marriage? One lawmaker wants to encourage them to do both.

State Senator John Cullerton has introduced Senate Bill 24 in the hope that engaged couples will pause for a few hours and discuss the important issues of marriage.

This creative bill provides an incentive for couples to seek counseling on the important issues without them to do so. Here is how it works: If a couple receives a minimum of 4 hours of education from a licensed or religious counselor, then the county clerk grants the marriage license when they apply; otherwise, they will grant the license in 60 days.

In this small way, the state can remind people that marriage is important and should be entered with preparation.

Such preparation is good for marriage, which is why legislature should promote ways of developing strong families in Illinois. The last 30 years of research shows that marriage-and the destruction of marriage-impacts all of us.

Marriage is designed to be one of the most fulfilling relationships we ever experience, and it is meant to be life long. When marriages fail, the pain is crushing and the consequences severe. Divorced men and women have shorter life expectancy, earn less money, and are less healthy than their married counterparts.

The overwhelming majority of American's value marriage. In recent polls, 93% of adults classified having a happy marriage as "very important" or "the most important" life goal.

## Dance lessons at the Willowbrook

Willowbrook Ballroom at 8900 S. Archer Ave. in Willow Springs will present a 4 week series of "Sunday Dance Lessons" on April 2, 22, 29, and May 6. Intermediate tango and beginning cha cha are the featured lessons for the series.

The intermediate tango class will be offered from 11 am-12:05 pm, the beginning cha cha class will be offered from 12:15-1:30 pm. Lessons will also include admission to Willowbrook Ballroom's Sunday afternoon ballroom dance, which takes place from 2-5:30 pm.

Nino DiGiulio, resident dance instructor, will lead both classes. He has taught more than 3,000 lessons in his 5 year career as a dance instructor.

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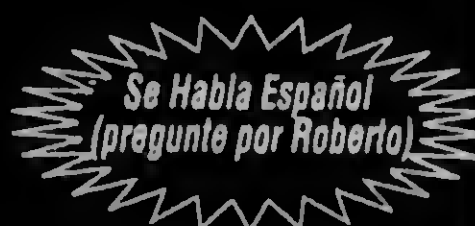
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## Pro-Team Staffing sponsored Chamber's event



Left to right in picture are Joe Jammer and Natalie Wright, Laureen Kalinski, Proprietor of Pro-Team Staffing and Linda Steiner, Village View Newspaper assistant.

Pro-Team Staffing invited chamber members to business after hours to mingle with fellow members and hear an outstanding duo. Joe Jammer is a studio rock guitarist for Mick Jagger, Ringo Starr, Jerry Lee Lewis, Joe Cocker and live guitarist for Supertramp, Donna Summers, Stealers Wheel, his accompaniment on sax was Natalie Wright from Montreal.

The business after hour event was to kick off the 2001 season for Pro-Team Staffing. They are in the Human Resource business or better known as head hunters or an employment agency. Laureen and Randy (hot chick) are available for businesses and clients of all kind. Contact Laureen or Randy at 708-636-3866.

## Oak Lawn Business and Professional

The Oak Lawn Business and Professional Women (BPW) will meet Wednesday, April 4th at 6:30 pm at the Hilton Oak Lawn at 9333 S. Cicero. For dinner reservations, please call Fran Kooiman at 708-422-4809.

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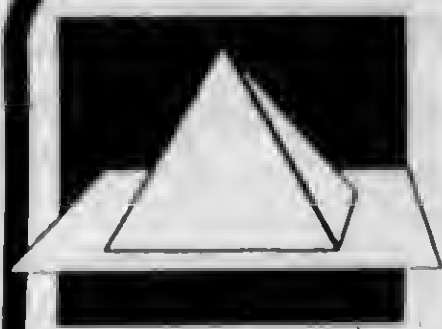
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## Stearns named unsung heroine

Oak Lawn resident, Linda Stearns, was recognized on Thursday, March 15, at the Annual Cook County Unsung Heroines Awards Breakfast in honor of her many contributions to the Oak Lawn Community.

This award is presented to 17 women, one in each district for Cook County, in recognition of their efforts in improving the life in their communities. Most recipients receive little recognition for their efforts. The Unsung Heroine Award is sponsored by The Cook County Commission on Women's Issues, and in conjunction with Women's History Month.

Anyone who knows Linda Stearns is aware of the enormity of her heart and her commitment. She is the single mother of two, Charlie and Gail, and has successfully raised a handicapped foster child. Linda has committed herself to the care of special needs children, and has become an aggressive advocate on their behalf.

Linda is currently serving as President of the Oak Lawn High School Parent, Teacher, Student Association, a member of Mt. Zion Church Council, and along time volunteer for Misericordia.

She administers a program in which she picks up

flowers from funeral homes, rearranges them & redistributes them to the homebound and to nursing homes. She drives senior citizens about on Senior Day.

Linda was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1984. This is a degenerative neuromuscular disorder. She is a member of the National Multiple Sclerosis Government Relations Committee and Multiple Sclerosis Support Group Committee.

Please take note that there is an MS Walk in Oak Forest on Sunday April 6. Call (312) 421-4500 for further details.

## Important strategies for E-marketing

Adopting the right e-marketing strategy can help a company remain competitive. E-marketing is communicating to customers—whether individuals or other businesses—to encourage specific behavior, such as using your products or services. The Illinois CPA society outlines key steps to effective e-marketing:

**Know your business objectives!** Outline your objectives. Consider your current business goals and assess the effectiveness of traditional marketing to meet those objectives. Consider how the Internet can help you achieve these objectives. The point is whether you want to build or expand a Web site, provide electronic news or online services.

**Know your customer!** Using the Internet as a key component of your marketing plan requires that you understand customer's and potential customer's needs and interests. How can you use the Internet to strengthen your relationships with current customers and attract new ones? Perhaps it is by providing specific information online, keeping custom-

ers up-to-date on news in their industry, or offering online demos if certain products.

**Aim for Consistency!** When marketing on the Internet, it is important to relay messages that are consistent with print efforts. If you have worked hard to establish a brand identity, the last thing you want is to undermine it. Be sure the messages you deliver over the Internet are consistent with your overall positioning. Also, if you chose to offer special programs or discounts over the Internet, be sure to tie these in with your company's traditional product line.

**Develop the right infrastructure!** When using the Internet to market your business, CPA's say it is vital to have the right infrastructure in place to support increased customer inquiries and orders. If you are generating online interest in your products or services, you will want to ensure that customers receive quick responses through e-mail or phone calls, and that you can support effective delivery.

## McAuley honors two leaders

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School's Board of Trustees is pleased to announce Mr. Francis Houlihan and Mrs. Colleen Lamb Ferrara '77 as the recipients of the 2001 Catherine McAuley Leadership Award. The award will be presented at McAuley's *Celebration 2001*, Friday, April 6, at the Martinique Restaurant in Evergreen Park. All proceeds from this annual dinner go toward the Endowment Fund for student financial aid. McAuley students whose families demonstrate financial need currently benefit from the fund.

The Catherine McAuley Leadership Award is given each year by the school to someone who exemplifies the charisma and values of the founder of the Sisters of Mercy, Catherine McAuley—a concern for the poor, the sick, and the uneducated. The recipient(s) must demonstrate a commitment to Mother McAuley High School's mission: to provide a quality Catholic education, and exhibit a strong commitment to Church and society.

Colleen is a graduate of St. Catherine of Alexandria Grammar School, Mother McAuley High School and St. Joseph College, spending

her junior year studying in Bregenz, Austria. Currently Colleen is Director of Public Relations for Blake-Lamb Funeral Homes and resides in Lake Villa Association and as a member of the Board of Trustees. She is also chaired the Development Committee, organizing various fundraising activities. Colleen served as co-chair of McAuley's *Celebration Dinner* from 1989-1995. She continually demonstrates her commitment to providing the means for a quality education for young women at McAuley.

As someone who exemplifies the values of Catherine McAuley, Colleen has served her community well. She is a former member of the Development Board of Little Company of Mary Hospital and Colleen is past president of the Morgan Park/Beverly Hills Business Association. Colleen represented the Oak Lawn Business and Professional Women's Club as a young careerist, and chaired the Special Events Committee for the Beverly/Morgan Park Branch of the American Cancer Society from 1984-89. She also hosted a fundraiser for Bishop John C. McNabb of the Chulucanas Mission in



Peru. Colleen received the Susie Thayer Newman Award from the American Cancer Society and has organized seminars for senior citizens for the past 20 years.

Francis Houlihan is a native of the Southside, growing up in St. Kilian's Parish and graduating from Mt. Carmel High School. Fran served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps, then attended DePaul University night school. He began his career at Fleetwood Paper Company in 1956 as a salesman, purchasing the business in 1968. In 1995, Fran sold the company to Georgia Pacific and currently owns Cromwell/Phoenix Paper Company in Alsip.

The McAuley community came to know Mr. Houlihan when his daughters Kathy, Mary Fran, Maureen, and Aileen were students. Fran became a top vol-

unteer beginning committee work 1987 and serving on the Board of Trustees for nine years. In 1993, McAuley opened a new gymnasium and music facility, the result of a capital campaign chaired by Mr. Houlihan. He co-chaired McAuley's *Celebration Dinner* from 1989-1995. Fran continues his support of Catholic education at McAuley by serving on the Development Committee and through his support of the Endowment Fund.

Their long term service to McAuley will be acknowledged at Celebration 2001. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ligda are honorary chairpersons of the dinner. For further information or for reservations, please contact Mary Kay Vincenti, Vice President for Development, at 773-881-6558.



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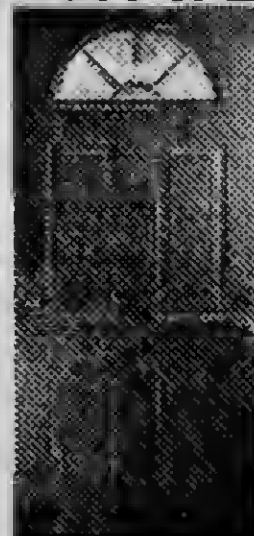
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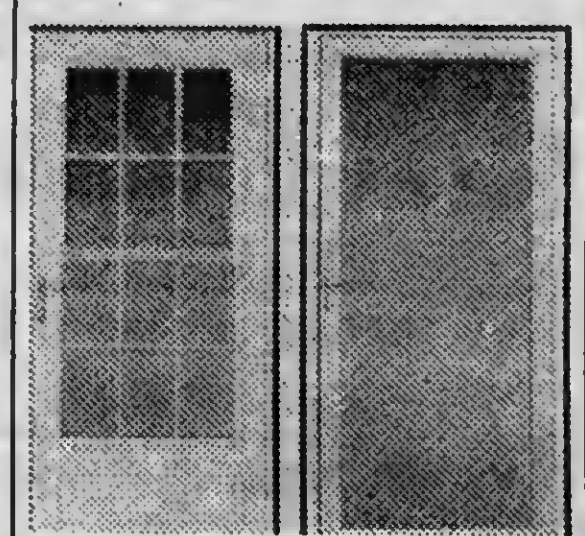
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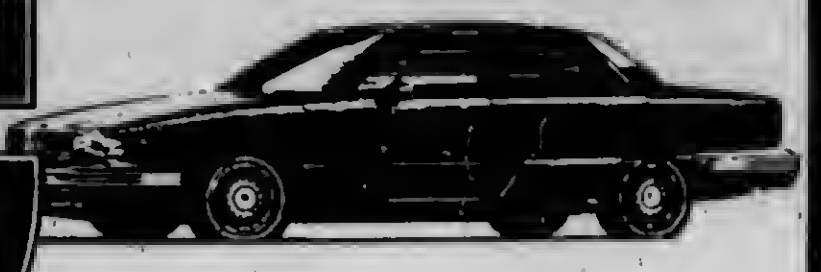
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

## Election Day safeguards: how they work

By Rick Techman

The April 3 consolidated election taking place in all 2,474 precincts of Suburban Cook County will be closely watched by all elected officials and potential candidates for the new, temporary voter safeguards that will be in place by court order and how the Cook County Clerk's office will analyze the voting process once the election has taken place.

Cook County Clerk David Orr has, by court order, been able to install new voter protections that will allow the precinct ballot counters to distinguish undervotes and overvotes. To prevent ballot tampering, the new PBC's will also be able to identify whether a ballot is signed by an election judge once the ballot is inserted during the election day process.

A spokesman for the clerk's office explained the polling booths have not changed. Though some enhancements are planned for the ballot card to make it more visually pleasing and comfortable, they are not in place yet. Other areas of common mistakes in voting are also being addressed.

Therefore the big change this election season is to improvements in the precinct ballot counters. These improvements, already available since the November, 2000 Presidential election, by court order have been temporarily implemented for this election season. The state legislature must decide whether to make it permanent.

"Obviously," Orr said, "voters have the right to skip certain races. Voters who are unfamiliar with races," Orr continued, "or only go to the polls wanting to vote in a particular race may naturally feel uncomfortable making choices in every race. The override option still allows them to pick and choose," he explained.

A spokesman for the clerk's office explained ballots will be kicked back from the PBC, once the elections judge inserts it to be counted, for any one of four reasons. When a ballot is rejected for an impropriety, the tabulator will beep and the ballot will immediately kick back. The four reasons why a ballot will kick back are these: undervote, overvote, unvoted blank, and missing election judge initials.

In the instance of an undervote, a vote unrecorded for a race, as the ballot is kicked back, the PBC screen will alert the voter that their ballot was not accepted. A taped printout will then alert the voter that an undervote occurred. For security purposes the tape will not list the race or races involved. At this point the voter can either ask the judge to press override and accept the ballot, request a new ballot or revoke the original ballot.

An overvote, a vote for too many candidates in one race, will cause the ballot to kick back, the PBC screen will show an alert, and a tape will read "overvoted ballot" listing the office where the overvote occurred. The voter can again instruct the judge to override the PBC and accept the ballot. Otherwise the judge can spoil the original ballot and have the voter try again with a new ballot at the voter's request.

An unvoted blank ballot is just that, a ballot that, once returned to the judge and put through the PBC, shows no sign of having been punched in any of the races. A voter is free to instruct the judge to override the PBC and have their ballot accepted, though no votes will be recorded. Or the voter can make corrections as they so please. In this case the PBC will kick out a tape reading "unvoted blank ballot" and the screen will read "see election judge."

All ballots must be initialed by

an election judge before they are counted while the voter is in the polling place. Therefore, the PBC is designed to recognize whether a ballot is initialed and if not it will kick back the ballot also. The PBC screen will tell the voter to see an election judge and the tape will read "missing election judge initials." There is no override for this error.

"Voters will know," Orr said, "with certainty that their votes are valid and will count. This will ultimately ensure a more accurate vote in Cook County," Orr closed.

## Pat Quinn returns to Midway in push for PFC money

By Rick Techman

About a dozen Midway area residents supported by two well-known airport lobbyists launched a public health campaign Sunday, March 25 that will encourage the City of Chicago to spend a fair share of passenger facility fees on soundproofing homes here.

The protesters argued that too few homes, only about 570 to date around Midway Airport, have been insulated from the effects of continuous jet noise at a cost to Chicago of \$18 million. Meanwhile, according to the Chicago Department of Aviation, at least 3,085 homes around O'Hare have already been insulated at a cost of almost \$98 million.

Former State Treasurer Pat Quinn, leading the Midway community's lobbying effort for more soundproofing dollars, said he is not opposed to the



Pat Quinn

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major input regarding where the city's soundproofing money is spent. He explained the city must make its soundproofing decisions based on trying to have a positive relationship with the airlines.

Marius "Scotty" Gallagher, Midway Noise Compatibility Commission member, added O'Hare area residents experience only about 65 decibels of noise on any given day. Gallagher explained some Midway residents live as close as the very edge of the airport. But he added O'Hare residents live farther away from the edges of the runways and experience less noise.

Quinn said, "When you have noise over 65 decibels it's unhealthy but people here in the Midway neighborhood have noise far greater than that, 80 decibels."

"So what we want the city government to do," Quinn added, "is to stop listening to American Airlines and United Airlines, which are demanding that all of the money collected, be spent around O'Hare Airport. We want to make sure that the soundproofing decisions that are made in Chicago are based on need," he said.

According to Quinn, money for the city's soundproofing is generated from a \$3 fee collected from every passenger who flies out of O'Hare and Midway Airports. At the urging of the airlines, Quinn said, the city spends its soundproofing money around the airport where it's collected.

O'Hare residents getting their fair share of soundproofing money. But, he explained city officials have admittedly spent soundproofing dollars where the major airlines have directed them to be spent.

Quinn, backed by Midway area residents, proposed an environmental reform that, when passed by the city council, would require Chicago to pool its soundproofing money and allocate it to homes where the need is the greatest.

Chicago Aviation Commissioner Thomas Walker recently told the Midway Noise Compatibility Committee the major airlines, American and United, serving O'Hare, have

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## Moraine Valley to present art exhibit of watercolors

Moraine Valley Community College's Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery will host an exhibit of watercolors by long time professor and department chair of Fine Arts and Humanities Phyllis J. Kozlowski March 19 through April 12. The exhibit, which will feature 22 landscapes and scenes of Chicago, Montmartre, Venice, and Florence, is the first one person show of Kozlowski's works ever held at the college.

A member of Moraine Valley's faculty for more than 29 years, Kozlowski has been instrumental in helping the college develop its Fine and Performing Arts Center. She helped create the Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery and has been the director of the gallery since it opened in 1994. Kozlowski will be retiring from the college this summer to pursue other interests.

Trained as an oil painter at Mundelein College where she received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, Kozlowski was successful in acquiring a major gallery contract immediately upon leaving undergraduate school. Originally planning a career in graphic design, she chose to teach for one year.



Kozlowski has never looked back and has no regrets. She completed her Doctorate in Art Education at The Ohio State University, but continued to teach studio art and art history, including watercolor. After working with several experimental media, she returned to traditional watercolor.

When asked about her style, Kozlowski replied, "I guess it's a little of oil, a little of watercolor, and a lot of energy. I love working with dark, rich colors." Kozlowski thinks she is more of a technician than a cutting edge artist. "I enjoy making art that others enjoy. The media never disappoints you with its possibilities."

Her passion for the media has resulted in a significant

following of students at Moraine Valley and at the Hinsdale Center for the Arts, where she has taught watercolor for more than 18 years. Well known in the local arts community, Kozlowski demonstrates regularly for many local arts organizations. She has done more than 50 demonstrations over the years and has been a guest lecturer for many organizations.

Kozlowski has also taught watercolor workshops all over the United States and Europe, including Maine, New Mexico, Arizona, Wisconsin, Italy, and Portugal. This summer, she is one of the invited artists at Dillman's Creative Arts Center in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin, where she will conduct a week long workshop.

Asked about her career at the college, Kozlowski quoted Oliver Wendell Holmes who said, "Most of us go to our graves with our music still inside of us." I consider myself fortunate because my music can be found in my art, my life, and of course, the Fine and Performing Arts Center."

The Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery is in the Fine and Performing Arts Center located on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Avenue, Palos Hills. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

commented that this subdivision is 192 acres in size and that a number of contractors are involved. That makes the job harder. But what happens on what date, and what has been resolved and what hasn't, wasn't in the information that Alderman Kramarski read aloud. He called her reported inaccurate. He addressed her directly, asking her about the dates the violations occurred, and if they have been corrected yet. She replied that her report was dated March 16th.

He tried to question her further, but was rebuffed by Alderman Julie Corsi. "Point of order," Alderman Corsi said, "It is not proper to grill an alderman at a community meeting of this type." Mayor Koldenhoven then instructed Mr. Bartlett to keep his comments general. Mr. Bartlett reported that the issues at One Palos Place had been corrected last summer.

Resident Rhonda Kearney said that with all of the new construction going on, she has had problems trying to contact the building commissioner in the past. That possibly he is overwhelmed. Soon, she said, fences would mistakenly be going up on parkways and on other people's property.

Later, Alderman

## Highlights from Chicago Ridge

by Jude Coyle

Several issues came before the Village Board of Chicago Ridge on March 19, 2001. First off, the Board promised to confirm the appointment of Jack Lind as Superintendent of Public Works. Mr. Lind has been employed by the Village since 1975. He began his career as a laborer, and has served as Assistant Superintendent for the past four years. Mr. Lind replaces Peter Chiappetti, who is retiring.

A move to rescind an ordinance passed at the March 6th meeting was made. At that meeting, the Board voted to make Mason one way, traveling south, up to 125 feet north of 111th Street. This is where the alley is located. The unusual arrangements were meant to accommodate residents with garages opening into the alley.

Two signs saying 'Do Not Enter' were erected on Mason coming off of 111th Street. Before 'One Way' signs went up, the Police Department called Public Works, asking them not to do it. People were complaining. The 'Do Not Enter' signs were left in place. Asked if these signs were a help, the answer was yes. Traffic coming from the pubs on 111th, and trucks delivering goods to businesses on 111th avoided Mason. The problem now became that the same vehicles were using Oxford and Mayfield.

Residents at the last meeting had asked that

the Village build a cul-d-sac. Board Members expressed concern that emergency vehicles would be hampered, that residents with garages located on the alley would lose their use, and that other blocks about Mason would become congested. That, Board Members said, would cause residents from Oxford, Mayfield and surrounding blocks to also request cul-d-sacs as well. The Board promised to study this further, and hopefully develop something that will solve the problems experienced by residents on Mason, without causing further problems.

Another matter discussed concerned an increase in gate fees from Waste Management. This is a fee charged to the Village when the Public Works Department hauls away refuse like wood chips and materials left over after repairing water main breaks. According to Jack Lind, the Village hauls away a lot of heavy materials, sometimes making one or two trips a day. Sometimes, they will catch a break and are allowed to dump in a landfill directly. Most often though, trash must be hauled to Waste Management's Transfer Station. The increase is 20%, or from \$50 a ton to \$60. Officials echoed concern about the rate of increase and promised to check the contract between Waste Management and the Village for rate hike percentages.

Kramarski explained that yes, the violations in One Palos Place have been cleared up. But not at Westgate Valley. These homes will sell for two and three hundred thousand dollars, and future residents deserve better. A number of lots are now

under construction, but until the violations are corrected, more construction permits will not be issued.

She went on to point out what a tremendous job Building Commissioner Bill Czajkowski has.

## Engineer to oversee Westgate Valley Development

by Jude Coyle

At the March 20, 2001 Palos Heights City Council Meeting, Alderman Dolores Kramarski moved to hire Morris Engineering on a full time basis to oversee the Westgate Valley Development. According to Alderman Kramarski, a number of violations to the building codes have been reported. She read from a 55 page list of violations dated March 16th. Most of

had to do with the absence of silt fencing and hay bails, and soil erosion caused because of the absences. She is concerned that soil is washing into the storm sewers, which will make it necessary to have the sewers televised and rodded at a later date.

Mayor Dean Koldenhoven disagreed, calling it an unnecessary expense. This is what the

City pays the Building Commissioner for.

In spite of the Mayor's objections, the motion carried.

Later, when citizens were invited to address the Council, Mr. Tom Bartlett of Westgate Signature Division spoke. He said that he felt like the whipping boy. Their attorney was out of town and he could not respond to this properly. He also



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## Oak Lawn Public Library Events

The Oak Lawn Library continues to sponsor a Spring Food Drive. You may drop off nonperishable food and paper products in their first floor lobby through Monday, April 23. The library will not accept opened or expired items. Donations are sent to local food pantries for distribution to needy families in the area.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free Blood Pressure Screenings at

the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, every third Wednesday at noon to 2:00 pm in their lower level meeting room. The next scheduled screening date is Wednesday, April 28. This free public service will be offered through June 2001.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Christ Hospital and Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government,

businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant

and healthy.

For additional information call Peggy Daudell at Christ Hospital, 708-346-3289, or the library 708-422-4990.

## And The Band Played On

By F J Soczek

A crowd of people literally overflowed from the normally empty Oak Lawn Municipal Center meeting room Tuesday night.

Inside, a tape marked *Reserved* was set in place to keep the "Commoners" a safe distance from a bier overflowing with colorful floral tributes.

It appeared my worst suspicions regarding the infamous *Stanek* rumor were indeed true.

I expected the guy to be appointed Mayor soon.

But not *that* soon.

But there he sat, a radiant Ernie Kolb. Counting his votes like a King counting his gold.

"*To the Victors go the spoils...*" the saying goes.

And for at least two candidates, the gratitude for their relatively slim victories was unmistakable.

All that was missing when Trustee William Keane stood up was a golden figure clutched in his fist.

Keane spent about ten minutes thanking friends, neighbors and assorted ancestors going back at least three generations.

A relieved Ron Stanek called a virtual family reunion to witness his squeaky "victory."

Vacuous platitudes about fair play, sportsmanship and new beginnings immediately gave way to the *real* personas of our elected officials.

When Trustee candidate Mary Lou Harker stood up to speak about what she felt were certain election "irregularities," an indignant Mayor Kolb reassumed his traditional role as supreme

arbitrator of acceptable discussion topics.

"We're not going to talk about signs," Kolb sternly bellowed, when Harker noted many of her campaign posters had mysteriously made their way to the Village dump.

So much for *Freedom of Speech*.

But then again, the Village of Oak Lawn was never known for adhering to pesky, troublesome inconveniences such as laws.

*Bids? Bids? We don't need no stinking Bids.*

And once more, it became painfully apparent the Village is not run from the spacious administrative offices on second floor of the Village Hall... but rather from a bunker deep within the bowels of the Municipal Center basement.

In the Office of Village Engineer

The tautology has the grating, discordant tone of a broken record.

Village Engineer Lynn Krauss (with full support from the star of *Blockbuster's* #1 rental of the week, Jerry Hucker) once again decided the competitive bidding process as prescribed by law is somewhat of a bother.

It seems Krauss *likes* the folks at Crest and Sons cement contractors. Enough to award them a lucrative, exclusive contract to perform paving work in the Village, while excluding all other qualified contractors from even *having* the opportunity to submit a bid.



## Little Company of Mary Hospital

Sister Kathleen McIntyre, L.C.M., Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, Chairperson of the Board and Borders in Beverly store Manager, Robbie Delsen pose in front of "A Healing Presence," a book detailing the 70 year history of the south suburban hospital, and the people who helped it thrive throughout the years. Published late in 2000, the book has raised \$5,671.85 in support of The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital, which opened in January, 2001. The book is available for \$25 at the Hospital's gift shop at 2800 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park, and at Border's Books and Music, 2210 W. 95th Street.

Krauss (in a memo to the three member Quality Control Committee) bemoans the fact "It has become difficult in recent years for staff to obtain proposals from qualified contractors through the bidding process."

Really? Perhaps the overburdened Mr. Krauss should hire additional help.

He has? How do other mortal towns ever manage?

Even the City of Chicago (despite its somewhat tarnished image) at least goes through the *monotony* of competitive public bidding.

Krauss' memo states Crest Cement Contractors offered, on Jan. 4, 2001, to work at last year's rates.

Since the subject of streets and sidewalks has been a perennial topic of discussion, a prudent observer might reason such matters should have been decided last year, not almost four months later on the

threshold of prime construction weather.

But in the past, Krauss doesn't seem to have let a minor issue such as time cause any undue consternation.

He once urged a private contractor be awarded an expensive, *no bid* tree clean up contract following a storm.

It was an "emergency," Krauss declared, despite the fact the storm had occurred over a month earlier.

The *suggestion* such work might be performed by Public Works employees was never even an option when the matter came before the six elected officials on the Village Board.

Then, as now, they simply "rubber stamped" their approval, much to the chagrin of the good taxpayers who certainly deserve better.

And the band played on...

## Highlights from Evergreen Park Meeting

by Jude Coyle

The Evergreen Park Village Board approved the following business regulations certificates at the April 2, meeting: G.M. Morrison Aluminium Gutter of 9439-40 Kedzie. The company was represented by Mr. Smith. He was asked about waste. He said that 90% of their refuse would go directly to a recycling center. That there would be no storage at this location.

Hamburger Hotline, is a restaurant located at 3801 W. 95th Street. This is a new owner.

On June 8, Old Kent Bank of 3101 W. 95th Street will change over to Fifth Third Bank.

Three proclamations passed the Board. The International Order of Foresters Annual Child Abuse Prevention week will run from April 15 thru 22nd. May will be recognized as Motor Cycle Awareness Month. Save-A-Life Week is scheduled for May 20 thru 26.

Mayor Vacco commented that he was surprised and honored at the last meeting of the Southwest Council of Mayors Meeting. Twenty towns and villages throughout the area passed resolutions recognizing

Mayor Vacco for his many contributions and for his long years of service to the Village of Evergreen Park.

The Village Board voted to make section 404.5 of the International Property Maintenance Code part of the Village Code. This is meant to relieve overcrowding. According to this code, individuals cannot sleep in kitchens, hallways, closets, diningrooms, etc., and can only sleep in livingrooms for no more than two consecutive nights.

The Marantha Chapel asked permission to use Circle Park on Sunday May 27th for a concert of Christian music. The concert will last between 6 and 7:30 that evening. The Chapel asked that they are allowed to set up at 4 p.m., and that they are allowed to continue to clean up after themselves to as late as 10 p.m. They used these facilities last year for a concert, which went off very well. The Board agreed.

Engineer Robert Boehm reported that work on the sanitary sewer on 91st Street is completed. The Village is going out to bid soon on the sidewalks.



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## Oak Lawn Public Library Events

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, will host an exhibit of hand decorated Ukrainian Easter eggs on loan from the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, Branch 36, in the Reference Services Department throughout the month of April.

The exhibit features more than five dozen Ukrainian Easter eggs and houseware items intricately decorated in the Pysanky style. To make a Pysanky Easter egg, one must use a fine tip stylus to draw on a raw egg with beeswax, dye the egg and repeat this process until an ornate multi-colored design is achieved. It can take several hours of painstaking work to complete a single egg. The Pysanky eggs and items on display were provided by Luba Nowak and Olga Pitula.

The Oak Lawn Library will host a Family Storyhour program for children three to eight years old and their parents on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm in their lower level meeting room. No registration required.

Participants will enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays. Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite storybook character. For more information about this and other children's programs, call the library's Youth Services Department, 708-422-4990.

## National Association of Retired Federal Employees

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1106, will hold their next meeting on April 18, 2001 at 10:00 am in the Oak Lawn Municipal Building located at 9446 Raymond Ave. (5300 West).

This non-profit organization consists of retired federal employees, their spouses, survivors and current active employees who live in Southwest Chicago and the Southwest Suburbs. NARFE gives expert advice and service with the many questions retirement and pre-retirement brings.

If you are interested in joining or need more information, please join us at this meeting or call (708) 458-4990 or email at jaltar\_2000@yahoo.com.

by Margo Schreiber

**QUESTION:** My husband is set to retire this August, and I worry that he'll become bored. He has been working full time since he was a teen. He's 65 and in good health, but doesn't have any plans of what to do except "maybe take some trips" and spend time with our grandchildren. I remain busy each week with volunteer work and other activities, mostly involving my women friends. I need ideas for the two of us!

**ANSWER:** What a great position to be in; you and your husband are both in good health and will soon enjoy more time together. But, your concern is valid; men often do much more poorly with the transition to retirement than women do.

It may take some time for him to adjust without the structure of a workday, and to get used to more leisure time. It is a wonderful sign that he has mentioned a desire to travel and to spend time with your grandchildren. I'm sure having time to relax and reflect will result in many more good ideas. You can both take an inventory of your mutual interests and decide what would be enjoyable and affordable.

Regarding travel, I recommend looking into tours catering to older travelers. They are flourishing. Travelers age 55 and older make up almost a third of all U.S. travelers and their

numbers just keep on growing.

One organization many people are familiar with is Elderhostel, the Boston-based non-profit organization that offers creative itineraries with an educational bent. Trip participants typically stay at university dormitories and attend seminars led by professors and other experts.

Such travel is based on the belief that retirement does not mean withdrawal from meaningful activity and that later years represent opportunity for continued learning. People who travel with Elderhostel or similar organizations come from all walks of life and share a desire for social and intellectual exchange.

Take a look at Elderhostel's catalog to get an idea of cost and a sampling of what is available. You'll see that programs cover every imaginable interest from cultural programs to gardening or wilderness treks. And, programs designed for grandparents and grandchildren are popular too. (Elderhostel's catalog request line is 1-800-895-0727 and website is at [www.elderhostel.org](http://www.elderhostel.org))

Of course, not everyone is interested in wilderness treks. The most popular type of Elderhostel programs are area and regional studies or local history, music and genealogy studies. Programs which include hands on introductory computer courses are also extremely

popular. Be sure to find out what is available near you.

You mentioned how busy you are with volunteer work, and I'm sure you find it rewarding. Perhaps your husband can become involved with the places you volunteer. Or, he can find his own way to contribute to the community in some way.

Everyone has different ideas about retirement. The key is to remain active. Retirement is not about sitting in front of a television all day. Many older people even find it fulfilling to go back to work at a part time job; others to prefer to help around the house or yard.

I think it's wonderful -- a luxury even -- that you and your husband are in good health and seeking ways to enjoy your time together. I know you and your family, including your grandchildren, will not be at a loss for things to do together. You'll have more time for friends, as well.

Again, this will be a major adjustment for your husband, so be patient and see how he reacts.

However, I'm confident you and your husband will adjust just fine. Make the most of the years ahead -- they may be your best!

For more information or questions, call the Senior Help Line at 1-800-252-8966, or write Margo Schreiber, c/o Seniors Ask, 421 E. Capitol Ave., Springfield, IL 62701.



## Senate passes tax incentives for energy efficient appliances

The Illinois Senate last week passed legislation creating a tax incentive for individuals to purchase certain energy efficient appliances as a means to conserve energy, according to State Senator Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park).

The legislation (SB 984) lowers the state sales tax rate to 1.25% on certain energy efficient appliances for four years. One reason for the change is the energy problems other states are experiencing. Energy efficient washers and dryers can be more expensive than regular washers and dryers and this legislation encourages consumers to purchase appliances that conserve energy.

The Senate also passed Senate Bill 207, which creates incentives for individuals to purchase long term care insurance through a tax credit for qualified long term care insurance coverage for the taxpayer, spouse, parent, or

dependent. The credit is equal to an amount 15% of premium and is capped at \$200.

In other business, the Senate once again approved supplemental appropriations because the House of Representatives failed to pass the appropriations passed by the Senate earlier this month. O'Malley says the supplemental appropriation legislation helps meet unforeseen spending pressures and includes funding to meet the basic needs of Illinois residents.

Effective March 1, 2001, direct care workers who work with developmentally disabled persons were eligible for a \$1 per hour wage increase. The supplemental appropriations includes \$25.3 million to cover that increase.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program will receive an additional \$80 million in federal funds to

help low income families afford this winter's high heating bills. Another \$10 million goes to the Comprehensive Health Insurance Program to pay increased claim costs, reopen enrollment, and reduce the program's backlog. Another \$45 million will go to cover a shortfall in the Early Intervention Program. The supplemental appropriation also provides \$1.2 million to the Secretary of State's office to help put that office more quickly process funds to Circuit Breaker participants who are eligible for reduced cost license plates but who inadvertently paid full price for their license plates. O'Malley's Senate Bill 5 (Project Exile) requires the Illinois State Police to work with the local law enforcement officials to encourage federal prosecution of felons who use firearms illegally.





## Working women demand Senate hearings on equal pay

Dozens of working women, in Springfield for a Day of Action on legislative issues concerning women in the workplace, marched to the Capitol today to send Senate President James "Pate" Philip a message -- give Equal Pay a fair hearing and put it to a vote.

Equal Pay legislation (HB 847) passed the Illinois House with 112 votes recently. These workers, including National AFL-CIO Executive Vice President Linda Chavez-Thompson and Illinois AFL-CIO President Margaret Blackshere, have come to the State Capitol to urge Philip to see that the bill is assigned to a standing committee and receives a fair hearing and vote. Two years ago, under similar circumstances, Senate leadership bottled up Equal Pay procedurally, by not assigning the bill to a committee.

"There are some companies that are working with their employees to balance work and family responsibilities, but they are the exception," Blackshere said. "People have long work weeks with both parents working, and families are struggling to balance work and home. The business community would be like to think the market to respond to

workers' needs. If we wait for the market to react and change, it might take generations."

House Bill 847, sponsored by Representative Barbara Flynn Currie (D-Chicago) and Senator Debbie Halvorson (D-Chicago Heights), creates the State Equal Pay Act. If enacted, it would cover more workers (330,000); improve enforcement through the Illinois Department of Labor and improve public awareness.

"It's not just a situation for women to deal with -- it is an issue of fairness," said Maureen Ehlert of Lombard, who took part in the Action Day. "This is a family dilemma. Families give up a lot of money each year because of pay disparity. Addressing the pay gap would lift single mothers out of poverty and give many more families the ability to better deal with today's economy."

  
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## Customer Advisory Council

Pictured left to right: Irma Carter, Supervisor Customer Service Evergreen Post Office, Lois Hannan, Charles Hannan, Jeanne Tracey, Janet Tassone, Ann Zarach, Co-Chairman, Robert Fiedler; all members of the Evergreen Park Customer Advisory Council and Minnie Jones, Station Manager. Other members not shown: Phyllis Hansen, Michael Hogan, Delores Khula, and Emma McCormick.

## Village Pantry Coalition

Members of the Customer Advisory Council of the Evergreen Park Post Office, recently made a very generous donation to the Village Pantry Coalition. Members of the CAC are resident volunteers. The Advisory Council started in August 1995. Its mission

is to improve Post Office Services to the residents and businesses of Evergreen Park.

Thanks to organizations and individuals in the community, contributions of food and money makes it possible for the Village Pantry Coalition to assist village residents when they have an immediate emergency, such as; illness, loss of employment and limited income.

## Support curbs on predatory mortgage lending

AARP urges the Illinois Legislature's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) to support regulations curbing the spread of predatory lending practices that have cost thousands of Illinois citizens their homes. High pressure deceptive practices by some sub-prime lenders resulted in over 5,000 mortgage foreclosures throughout the state in 1999. This annual total has been increasing dramatically each year. In 1993 there was less than 500. Although minority communities have been disproportionately affected, the majority of victims have been white homeowners from all parts of our state. In both cases seniors have been the prime target.

Governor George Ryan has proposed new regulations that would give consumers the tools to protect themselves against fraudulent lenders. The proposed administrative rules would not unduly hamper the work of legitimate sub-prime but would stop the most abusive lending practices. For example, the rules bar lenders from incorporating a single upfront payment for credit insurance into the principle of the loan. This practice forces borrowers to pay

interest on the premium of an insurance product of already questionable value. Other practices that strip owners of the equity in their homes and lead to default and foreclosure, such as balloon payments and excessive fees, would be limited under the proposed regulations.

JCAR is scheduled to vote on the regulations by April 17. Because the abusive lending practices of some sub-prime lenders yield high profits, most of the banking industry lobby has mobilized to stop the proposed regulations. AARP urges voters to contact their state legislators and urge them to support the regulation of predatory lending practices and a "yes" vote by JCAR members on the proposed regulations.

## Southtown Dahlia Club

There will be a meeting of the Southtown Dahlia Club on Sunday, April 22, 2001 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Crestwood Civic Center, 14025 S. Kostner Ave, in Crestwood.

Program is Planting Dahlias. Coffee, desserts, door prizes. For further information call 708-361-1123.

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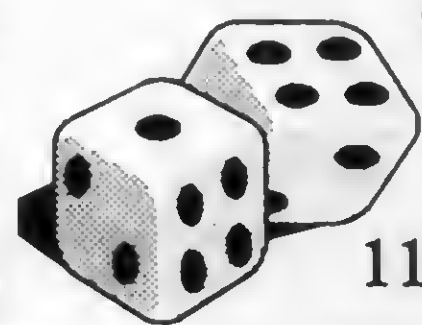
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**Dear Editor**

Even the leprechauns are green with envy, over Oak Lawn's response to the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign. Many thanks to the thousands of people who donated to MDA and signed paper shamrock in businesses in February and March. Their generous participation in Shamrocks will help MDA continue to provide families affected by neuromuscular diseases in our community with valuable services.

As one of many who has a loved one affected by a neu-

romuscular disease, I'm genuinely grateful for the caring support of customers and employees at convenient stores, supermarkets, restaurants and other retailers in Oak Lawn.

The 18th annual Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign raised more than \$10 million nationally. These donations will help fund MDA-sponsored research.

On behalf of the millions of Americans affected in some way by the more than 40 diseases covered by MDA -- thank you -- and may St. Patrick bless you all year long!

Sincerely  
Bob Mackle

**Dear Editor Dear Voters in Evergreen Park**

We want to extend our gratitude to the voters in Oak Lawn Community High School District #229 who elected us to serve on the School Board for the next four years.

We are thankful for the support we received from so many kind and generous people who supported our goal to establish a school environment that will be conducive to meeting the academic needs of our students for years to come. We look forward to the challenges that await us. We feel confident in our abilities to deal with them. It is our desire to work with all board members in focusing on providing the best education possible for the children from the four communities that comprise our District.

We want to acknowledge also the efforts of Joseph Amado who campaigned with us. His spirit and determination were instrumental in getting our message to the voters. He is indeed a man of integrity who hopefully may choose again to run for the school board.

Sincerely

Bob Foster  
Mary Cerco  
Michelle Moses

There are lessons to be learned in everyday life. There is a message from the people of Evergreen Park. Education and politics don't mix.

In our recent elections for the Evergreen Park SD 124 and Evergreen Park SD 231, a concentrated (and very expensive) campaign was launched against the several child centered, loyal, and volunteer incumbents that have worked tirelessly to keep the educational system in Evergreen Park focused on our greatest resource, the children. Citing an interest in politics, the many individuals who ran unsuccessfully learned a valuable lesson. It's about the kids. With the election behind us, it is time to be

**Drop in Crafts at  
Chicago Ridge  
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Children age three through grade eight are invited to "drop in" to the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 6301 W. Birmingham, on Saturday, April 28 between the hours of 10:00 and 3:00 to make Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day gifts and cards.

Registration begins April 14 and can be done in person or by calling the library at 708-423-7753. Children ages 3-5 must be accompanied by an adult.

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## St. Fabian Phoenix

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group would like to invite everyone to their speaker night on April 26, 2001, and will feature Father Robert Rohrich. Father Rohrich will speak on "Lighten Up - Reducing Stress with Humor."

This meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center, 7450 W. 83rd Street, Bridgeview. Doors will open at 7:00 pm and the meeting will start at 8:00 pm. Further information can be obtained by calling Deacon Ken at (708) 458-8923 or Tom and Marianne (708) 499-5377.

We have selected a strong effective educational leader to take the superintendent's position at the high school. With his leadership, we will finally be able to move forward in the best interest of the children. The elementary district continues to thrive. Public education in Evergreen Park continues to be strong and viable.

At this time, all of our school board members should come together for children. We have several issues that are pressing. The olive branch is extended.

Thank you to the many parents and families that make up our fine village. Your message is loud and clear... It's about the children.

Sincerely  
Sue Panico  
Evergreen Park School District 231 Board Member

## Oak Lawn Garden Club

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will host its annual Spring Installation Luncheon at Dunlaps Restaurant, 6513 W. 123rd Street, in Palos Heights on Thursday, April 26th. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon followed by installation of officers.

Verne Maras, Mary Lou Vahl, and Betty Von Holst are in charge of arrangements for this event.

The Garden Club is offering scholarships to two students, high school seniors or college undergrads, who are interested in horticulture, conservation, botany, forestry, or any related field. They must be Oak Lawn residents. For further information call Marion Smith at 708-424-2302 or Betty Von Holst at 708-422-1727.



# VIEWS ON NEWS

## Study finds irregularities in tollway spending practices

The financially troubled Illinois State Toll Highway Authority spends more money on its bureaucracy and less on maintaining its infrastructure than its counterparts in other states, according to an analysis of federal records released Tuesday.

Data comparing how state toll road agencies across the country distribute their revenues shows that between 1995 and 1999 the Toll Authority's expenditures on payroll and other "administrative" costs exceed the national average by 55%, while its maintenance budget fell short of industry standards by a third.

The data was compiled by the Federal Highway Administration and included in a report released Tuesday by the Environmental Law & Policy Center, a non-profit organization that opposes efforts to raise tolls on Illinois drivers.

"This analysis shows that the Toll Authority should be trimming the fat from its budget, before handing more pork to contractors in the form of higher tolls to pay for controversial road extensions," said ELPC policy analyst David Kolata. "The public shouldn't be asked to pay higher tolls when the

money they're already paying is being misused."

The report comes on the heels of a proposal from Governor George Ryan to raise tolls on most motorists by nearly double within six months -- something that Toll Authority officials have threatened to do on their own to generate new revenues. The agency, which collects \$1 million a day from motorists and has long been a symbol of financial might, has projected an impending shortage of funds to pay for various infrastructure proposals. Yet Ryan's proposal would funnel much of the new revenue generated by a toll hike into a controversial extension of Interstate 355 through Will County while deferring more than \$2 billion worth of repair needs on the existing system.

Critics say that the agency's financial struggles were wrought through decades of mismanagement and that spending abuses are endemic to the culture of the Toll Authority, where the revenue stream has long been regarded as the manna of political patronage. The report released Tuesday appears to buttress claims that the Toll Authority is still spending too much money on non-essential expenses. In 1999, for

instance, the Toll Activity accounted for 15% of all the money spent on administrative expenses by all toll road agencies combined, while its total budget equaled only 10% of the cumulative national tally.

"By spending too much money on administrative and institutional luxuries, the Toll Authority has misplaced its priorities and worsened its own economic condition," Kolata said. "Before we even think of raising tolls, we must first reform the Toll Authority, itself, by bringing the agency's budget under the control of directly elected legislators."

Kolata noted that a bill would require legislative oversight of the Toll Authority budget is pending in the Illinois House of Representatives. House Bill 135 sponsored by State Representative Jeffrey Schoenberg, would mandate the Toll Authority to submit its budget for review to the General Assembly for review and approval, while requiring three fifths vote to authorize any new toll hikes.

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## Registration continues for the Oak Lawn Chamber Appreciation Day

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will accept registrations for their Appreciation Day Luncheon and Show until Wednesday, April 18.

The Appreciation Day Luncheon and Show will be held Wednesday, April 25 at the Hilton, Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. The Chamber is holding this event to provide area businesses with the opportunity to thank their dedicated employees and volunteers. Entertainment will be provided by Circus Boy, an Oak Lawn based performer specializing in acrobatics and juggling. Door prizes and other surprises are planned. Those attending will sign in at 11:30 am. Lunch will be served at noon. The cost for the luncheon and show is \$20 per person. This event is open to non-Chamber members.

For more information, reservation forms or to find out how your business can donate prizes for the event, call the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, (708) 424-8300.

## Evergreen Park Fashion Show to benefit Leukemia Research Foundation

The Lipinski-Callahan-Daly Memorial Chapter of the Evanston-based Leukemia Research Foundation (LRF) will host its 28th annual Spring Fashion Show, on Tuesday, April 24 at 6:00 pm at the Drury Lane Martinique in Evergreen Park. Janet Davies of ABC 7 will act as Mistress of Ceremonies of An Enchanted Evening of Fashion.

An hour of cocktails will be followed by dinner and the fashion show, presented by Zzazz Productions and inspired by fashions from Hansen's Villa of Manhattan, Illinois. In addition there will be a raffle (\$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5) featuring a weekend stay at Radisson Hotel Suites in downtown Chicago, fine jewelry, gift certificates and more.

Seats can be reserved for \$35 per person and tables may be reserved for large parties. All proceeds will benefit the LRF. For more information please call Mary Schultz at 815-584-1747.

The Leukemia Research Foundation is comprised of more than 1,000 volunteers from 20 local chapters who have joined together to conquer leukemia, lymphoma and myelodysplastic

syndromes by funding research into their causes and cures, and to enrich the quality of life of those touched by these diseases. More than \$22 million has been raised through various fundraising activities since the LRF's inception.

For more information about the LRF, visit their website at [www.leukemia-research.org](http://www.leukemia-research.org) or call 847-424-0600.

## Mt. Greenwood Historical Society

The Mt. Greenwood Historical Society will present two programs for the April 23 meeting at the Mt. Greenwood Library, 11010 S. Kedzie, Chicago.

Girl Scout Troop #1573 will perform the American Girl Play, "War on the Home Front," by Valerie Tripp at 7:00 pm. Following the play at 8:00 pm, guest speakers Nancy Block and Kim Pratt, of the Mt. Greenwood Garden Club, will discuss the upcoming garden walk, craft fair, "Garden Days," and plans for a handicap children's garden. Everyone is welcome. Admission is free. For more information, call Janet at (773) 881-8168.

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## Booster Club currently offering applications for scholarships

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To qualify, students must have earned an OLCBS varsity letter and have maintained a grade point average of at least 2.5; in addition to completing the application, students must submit a copy of their latest report card, two letters of recommendation and a written essay.

For more information, visit the Booster Club website at <http://spartanclub.home.att.net> or call Debbie Andersen at (708) 857-8594. Application forms are available at the OLCBS Counseling Center and in the Athletic Department office, from Ms. Andersen, or can be downloaded from the website. The application deadline is April 25, 2001.

## Park Lawn Tag Days

Two hours of your time could change the life of a child. Here is your opportunity to help Chicago area children with developmental disabilities. Thousands of individual and group volunteers are needed to collect donations at intersections and store fronts in all surrounding Chicago areas. Park Lawn Tag Days are Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21. Safety vests, collection buckets and handouts will be provided for volunteers. Convenient time slots and locations are available close


to your home or work, for you, family members and friends. Please call Park Lawn at 708-425-6867 to reserve a location.

Park Lawn is a non-profit agency providing opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities since 1955. Programs and services include a school, vocational workshop, residential living and community employment. Currently over 150 individuals from Chicago and 30 surrounding suburbs benefit from these resources. All proceeds generated through Tag Days will benefit individuals enrolled in Park Lawn programs.

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The summer programs will begin on Monday, June 11 and continue until Friday, July 27. Our seven week program begins at 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. All children in the programs receive lunch. The age groups are: Tots (3 and 4 year olds), Camps 1 (5 and 6 year olds), Camp 2 (7-9 years old) and Camp 3 (10-13 years old). The cost of the day camps are \$40.00 for all seven weeks. We

also offer sports (tennis, basketball, volleyball). The cost for the sports programs are \$25.00 each. We also offer a swimming program at Argo Community High School which starts on Monday, June 11 and ends on Thursday, July 12 (five weeks), the cost is \$35.00. For more information or would like a brochure, please call the Park Office during the hours of 7:00 am to 3:30 pm at (708) 496-1012.

Our water playground will be opening Memorial Day weekend (weather permitting) at 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm. Cost for a season pass: Resident (Family of 4) \$125.00; Individual season pass (resident) \$50.00; Individual season pass (nonresident) \$62.50; Daily passes: \$3.00 (year old and over). For more information, please call the Park Office at (708) 496-1012.



## Friends of the Community at Most Holy Redeemer

### Hawkinson Ford sponsors life sized Walk In Cell Project

Hawkinson Ford Friends of the Community Program once again, affirmed its philanthropic commitment to area schools through its charitable donation to Most Holy Redeemer School in Evergreen Park. Hawkinson Ford donated \$500 to construct a life sized "Walk-in-Cell."

In being the sole benefactor to this project Hawkinson Ford provided a hands on format from which all of the school would benefit. The project consists of the walk-in-cell and a computer program which would generate

pamphlets, power point demonstrations, labels, and explanations. The 7th grade class would create the cell and the younger grades would be invited for lessons and games on cells. To show their appreciation to Lisa Hawkinson and the Friends of the Community Program the children at Most Holy Redeemer named their cell after Hawkinson Ford.

Most Holy Redeemer Principal, Sister Lynn Welsh says, "We are delighted with the long lasting relationship we have had, with Lisa Hawkinson, throughout the years. We are very thankful for her support. It is wonderful to see Hawkinson Ford concerned with student education. They are a true educational partner in our community."

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Beverly Montessori School students gear up for Easter with a variety of projects. The Fireplace a.m. students and the Southwest p.m. students are dying eggs with natural dyes from beets, onion skins, cabbage, turmeric, and the inner bark of an apple branch to name a few. The Southwest a.m. class is dying eggs using a marbling technique demonstrated by one of the parents. Fireplace p.m. and East Room a.m. classes are also dying eggs. All of these sessions will have an Easter egg hunt outdoors if the weather is allowing; otherwise it will be indoors.

East Room p.m. students are learning how to write stories. Southwest a.m. students are studying the flags of the world. East Room a.m. students are spending time outdoors looking for signs of spring, and the Fireplace p.m. class is looking forward to spending time with their families over the break.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2001-2002 school year. To make an appointment to observe a class, please call 773-239-7635.

## Volunteer gardeners needed

Eager gardeners are needed to volunteer with the Oak Lawn Park District this summer. In the district's Adopt-a-Flowerbed program, individuals or families are given flowers to plant at an assigned flowerbox or flowerbed throughout Oak Lawn. These volunteer gardeners maintain the beds during the summer months. In return for their efforts, gardeners are given adoption papers and are recognized in a sign at the flowerbed site, says Angela Alwood, recreation supervisor.

Sites still available for adoption are: Administrative Office, Central Pool, Harker Park, Lakeshore Park, Lawn Manor Care, Lewandowski Park, McVickers Park, Menard Center. Sites are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Deadline to adopt is Friday, May 11. To adopt, or for more information, call the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2200 or email [info@olparks.com](mailto:info@olparks.com).



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### Palos Community Hospital hosts Fair to help caregivers find answers

As the 78 million baby boomers in this country age, the 21st century will see dramatic growth in the size of the older population, along with a corresponding increase in the number of those needing care and those providing it. Palos Community Hospital's Caregiver Fair is designed to respond to the needs of both current caregivers and those who might become caregivers, to help alleviate some of the stress, financial hardship and guilt that can be associated with caring for a loved one. This free fair will be held from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Saturday, April 21, in the PCH Auditorium.

Today, an estimated 12.8 million Americans across all ages need assistance carrying out everyday activities, according to San Francisco-based Family Caregiver Alliance. Nearly half, 6.2 million, have severe needs, requiring help with at least one basic self care task, such as eating, dressing or using the bathroom. The most severely disabled -- those who need substantial help carrying out three or more self care tasks -- comprise another 40%, or about 5.1 million Americans. As the number of those who need care increases, so too will the number of severely

disabled.

Of the 12.8 million Americans estimated to need long term care, only about 2.4 million live in institutions, such as nursing homes. This means 81%, or 10.4 million, live at home or in community settings. According to a 1999 survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, some 52 million Americans care for a disabled or sick family member. And although most bear their burden with love, social workers say caregiving is so demanding that most people providing care feel inadequate. Eventually, experts warn, such emotions can adversely affect the health of the caregiver, which ends up impacting the lives of everyone involved.

"A caregiver's greatest struggle generally stems from the guilt brought on by promises made to always be there and provide for the person needing care, whether that person is a parent, spouse or child," says Nancy Brooks, director of Social Services at Palos Community Hospital. In trying to live up to those promises, "many caregivers, especially elderly caregivers, sacrifice their own health and end up needing care themselves."

Recent research has found that caregiver stress, especially stress endured over long periods of time, can have a dire affect on the one delivering care. During a study of 819 spouses ages 66 to 95, researchers at the University Center for Social & Urban Research at the University of Pittsburgh found that elderly caregiver spouses have a 63% higher risk of mortality than their non-caregiving counterparts. Past studies suggest that loss, prolonged distress, the physical demands of caregiving and the biological vulnerability of older people may lead to health problems in elderly caregivers.

Registration for the Caregiver Fair will begin at 9:15 am. Geriatric Psychiatrist Thomas Bartuska, M.D., will talk from 10:00 to 11:00 am about Alzheimers and dementia, and the issues caregivers face in dealing with these diseases. In addition, representatives from a variety of community resources will be on hand to meet with individuals about their needs and concerns, including representatives from area assisted living centers, nursing homes, adult day cares, PLOWS Council on Aging, PCH Home Health Care and Hospice, and the PCH Pharmacy and Nutrition departments. For more information or to register, call the PCH Social Services department at (708) 923-4840.

### Women's Health Center announces upcoming women lectures

"Communicating Effectively" will be presented on Tuesday, April 24, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Women's Health Center, 16750 S. 80th Avenue, Tinley Park. Participants will learn how to understand verbal and nonverbal cues and how to identify "mixed messages" and roadblocks that cause misunderstandings. The cost is \$20.

"Assertiveness and Effective Conflict Management" will be presented on Tuesday, March 15, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Center. Participants will learn to identify emotional triggers that cause defensiveness and learn healthy ways to effectively communicate their needs. The cost is \$20.

For more information or to register for either of these programs, call Advocate Christ Medical Center's Health Advisor at 1-800-3-ADVOCATE (1-800-323-8622).

### McAuley One Act Play Festival

The Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School will hold their One Act Play Festival, sponsored by the Theatre Department. The Festival features a wide variety of

### Ten tips on when to see your healthcare provider for headache

More than 45 million Americans suffer from chronic, recurring headaches, more than 33 million sufferers of diabetes, asthma, and coronary heart disease combined, yet few take specific action to gain relief. The National Headache Foundation (NHF) recommends making a special and separate appointment to discuss your experiences, so that your healthcare provider can determine your headache diagnosis.

Today, healthcare providers understand the causes and consequences of headache and are well versed in explaining new medications and offering alternative treatment options. In most cases, your provider is the best person to help you understand your condition and inform you about what can be done to alleviate your headache pain and associated symptoms.

How do you know when to consult a healthcare provider specifically about headache? The National Headache Foundation offers Ten Tips on when to see your healthcare provider for headache. See your provider if your headache:

- \*is sudden and severe
- \*affects one side of the head
- \*is associated with pain in

the eye or ear.

\*is accompanied by nausea, vomiting, hallucinations or sensitivity to light and sound.

\*recurs in a definite pattern -- time of day, circumstances and duration of pain are consistently similar.

\*causes confusion or loss of consciousness

\*is persistent, when previously you've been headache free.

\*interferes with your ability to function normally at work or in social situations.

\*is similar to headaches suffered by other members of your family.

\*is different from other headaches you have previously experienced.

If you experience one or more of these symptoms, you should schedule an appointment with your healthcare provider strictly to discuss your headache problem. Your best ally in helping you cope with your headache is a provider who knows you and spends the time needed to diagnose and treat your problem.

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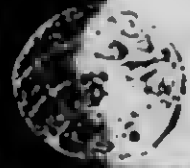
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## Date announced for Chicago's Memorial Day Parade

"Chicago's Memorial Day Parade is recognized as one of the largest and most spectacular tributes to veterans held anywhere in the nation," says Commissioner Theresa Petrone, General Chairman of the Chicago Memorial Day Parade.

During this year's parade the City of Chicago will salute the men and women of the United States armed forces as it celebrates the 225th Anniversary of the Marines, 60th Anniversary of World War II, the 10th Anniversary of Desert Storm/ Shield, 50th Anniversary of the Korean War (2nd year of Commemoration) and the 60th Anniversary of USO.

"This country was made great by the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces," said Mayor Richard M. Daley. "Chicago's Memorial Day Parade honors those individuals who paid the price for our freedom."

This year, the parade will step off at noon, Saturday, May 26, 2001 on Columbus Drive (in Chicago) moving north from Balbo to Monroe Street. A wreath laying ceremony will precede the parade beginning at 11:00 am to the General John Logan Memorial, located in Grant Park at Michigan Avenue and 9th Street.

Poppies will line the street as the 2001 Memorial Day Parade steps off featuring a fly over, complete with a 21 gun salute. The Great Lakes Navy Band and the Tuskegee Airmen also will participate.

"The city of Chicago is especially thankful to Paul Ligon, president of the Central Michigan Avenue Association for the donation of 10,000 United States flags," says Petrone. "The Veterans of Foreign Wars has also donated 10,000 poppies for this special day."

Last year, State Street's historic lampposts were decorated with American flags, replicating a style Chicago displayed during the war effort in the 1940's. More than 10,000 participants and 15,000 spectators made the event one of the most spectacular observances of Memorial Day in the country, this included bands, floats, military groups, veteran's organizations and JROTC units.

Parades commemorating Memorial Day have graced Chicago since 1871. From the 1930's until 1942, these processions took place on Michigan Avenue until the eve of World War II and then revived shortly afterwards.

This event is sponsored by The Mayor's Office of Special Events, The Greater State Street Council and the Central Michigan Avenue Association.

## Palos Park Village Calendar

Northern Illinois Hosta Society is presenting a slide presentation on Hostas at the

Palos Park Village Hall, 8901 W. 123rd Street (McCarthy Road), Palos Park on Sunday, April 22, 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited. Please call (708) 448-7325 if you are attending.



## Members of cast for Grease at Richards

Pictured, from left to right, are "Grease" cast members Beth Wadhams (Oak Lawn) and Bob Winchester (Chicago Ridge).

## Richards presents Grease

Richards High School will present the musical "Grease" May 3, 4, and 5 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are now available by calling the music office at 708-499-2550, ext 146. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

English teacher Charles Palia and choral director Betsy Ervin are directing the play. The cast list includes the following students:

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Teen Angel/Vince Fontaine - Tom Murray  
Cha-Cha - Kristen Schifferdecker  
Patty - Missy Wells  
Eugene - Greg Udchitz  
Miss Lynch - Alissa DiGuido  
Richards is located at 10601 S. Central Avenue in Oak Lawn.

## Spring Smorgasbord

The Oak Lawn Community Church, Presbyterian, 9000 S. Ridgeland Avenue, will hold their annual Spring Smorgasbord, April 24, 2001 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. There will be an array of home cooked food along with des-

## Third Annual Great Chicago Places and Spaces

Chicago's treasures are not buried, but rather they stand tall and inviting. This year, the third annual Great Chicago Places and Spaces: Celebrating Chicago Architecture is Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20 and the treasure chest opens even wider as the event highlights the historic Chicago Bungalow, doubles the number of tours, and adds "expert" tours.

Great Chicago Places and Spaces is a two day showcase of the city's great architecture, landscape and interior design, urban planning and historic preservation. Architecture enthusiasts can choose from more than 120 tours including visits to neighborhoods such as the Gold Coast and Maxwell Street, Marshall Field's on State Street and a tour of restored landmarks. All official tours and exhibits are free to the public.

"Expert Tours: will be given by those in the know from the architecture community including critics, historians and noted architects, providing the in-depth, behind the scenes knowledge that make these tours one of a kind."

While many noted architects have left their mark on the city, it is the bungalow,

attributed to no particular architect, that is most common. This year, Great Chicago Places and Spaces will pay tribute to the Bungalow home, with their detailed windows and stonework, pitched roofs and sheltered entrances with the Bungalow Tour, Sunday, May 20 at 9:00 am.

This program is offered as part of Great Chicago Places and Spaces: Celebrating Chicago Architecture, May 19-20, 2001. Programs are coordinated by the Mayor's Office of Special Events and various other architectural and city organizations. For more information, please call 312-744-1362 or visit [www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents](http://www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents). For specific tour information, contact Tour Headquarters at the Chicago Architecture Foundation, 312-744-3432 or visit [www.architecture.org](http://www.architecture.org).

## Military

Air Force Airman, Jeremy R. Jurczak has arrived for duty at Ellsworth Air Force Base, Rapid City, S.D. He is the son of Henry A. and Suzanne M. Jurczak of Burbank. In 1999, he graduated from St. Laurence High School in Burbank.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Adam D. Schiller has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Dale Schiller of Evergreen Park. Schiller graduated from a home school program in 1991.

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## Senate Committee advances FOID card reform

State Senator Christine Radogno (R-LaGrange) announced today that the Senate Judiciary Committee approved legislation allowing the Illinois State Police to run criminal history checks every six months on every person holding a firearm license.

Radogno's legislation (Senate Bill 397) allows the Illinois State Police to run a criminal history check on an on going basis for not less than six months on every person who has been issued a Firearm Owners Identification card. Current law does not require the Illinois State Police or anyone else to run periodic criminal background checks on FOID cardholders.

If the background check shows that the FOID cardholder in question is guilty of an offense disqualifying that person from legally owning firearms, then the state police must send the person written notice and revoke the card.

"One of the main concerns with gun issues is the enforcement of current gun laws," Radogno said. "This legislation gives law enforcement an effective tool to make sure that the people the state permits to own firearms are not criminals. It gives law enforcement a way to ensure

that people who sign up for a FOID card do not commit crimes after their initial background checks."

Radogno said the legislation is an attempt to prevent incidents like the February 5th shooting at Navistar in Melrose Park that left five people dead from happening in the future. The shooter was a felon who should not have been able to own a gun.

"It is illegal for a felon to own a firearm and this legislation is an attempt to allow our police agencies to enforce these laws," Radogno said. "Criminals should not have guns. We simply have to do what we can to make sure that the Navistar shooting does not happen again."

Radogno also said that the Senate Judiciary Committee approved a measure she is co-sponsoring that provides for better management of the FOID card application process. The legislation is an initiative of Attorney General Jim Ryan.

The following are the key components of Senate Bill 1065:

- \*Allows for the use of the Secretary of State's digital photo system for FOID card applicants and requires the FOID card applicant's signature to be displayed on the card.

- \*Makes giving false information on a FOID card application a Class 2 felony instead of a Class 3 felony.

- \*Modifies the current system where felons can appeal to the Director of the State Police and grants that power to the circuit court in certain cases involving serious felons for the purpose of giving the hearings more public scrutiny.

- \*Makes it a Class 1 felony if someone transfers 3 or more firearms to people who do not properly display a valid FOID card.

- \*Makes it a condition of bond for defendants to physically surrender their FOID card to the clerk of the circuit court when charged with certain violent offense.

- \*Requires persons convicted of any felony offense to physically surrender any and all firearms in their possession, and to also physically surrender their FOID cards as a condition of remaining on bond pending sentencing.

- \*Requires persons convicted of a felony to have as a condition of probation or conditional discharge to physically surrender their FOID card and firearms in their possession.

"The gun issue is a very divisive issue, but I think that we can all agree that we should keep guns out of the hands of criminals," Radogno said.

## Flutes Unlimited Concert

Flutes Unlimited will present their concert on Sunday, April 29, 2001 at 7:00 pm at St. Xavier University, McGuire Hall, 3700 West 103rd Street, in Chicago.

Flutes Unlimited is an ensemble of flautists comprised of students from fifth grade through adults. Flutes Unlimited has three choirs: Tout Suite, Symphonic, and L.T.D., divided according to the age and ability of the musicians. Each group performs alone as well as in combination with over 60

flutists at the finale. The choirs are directed by Martha Morris, AnnaBelle O'Shea, and Jodie McLawhorn.

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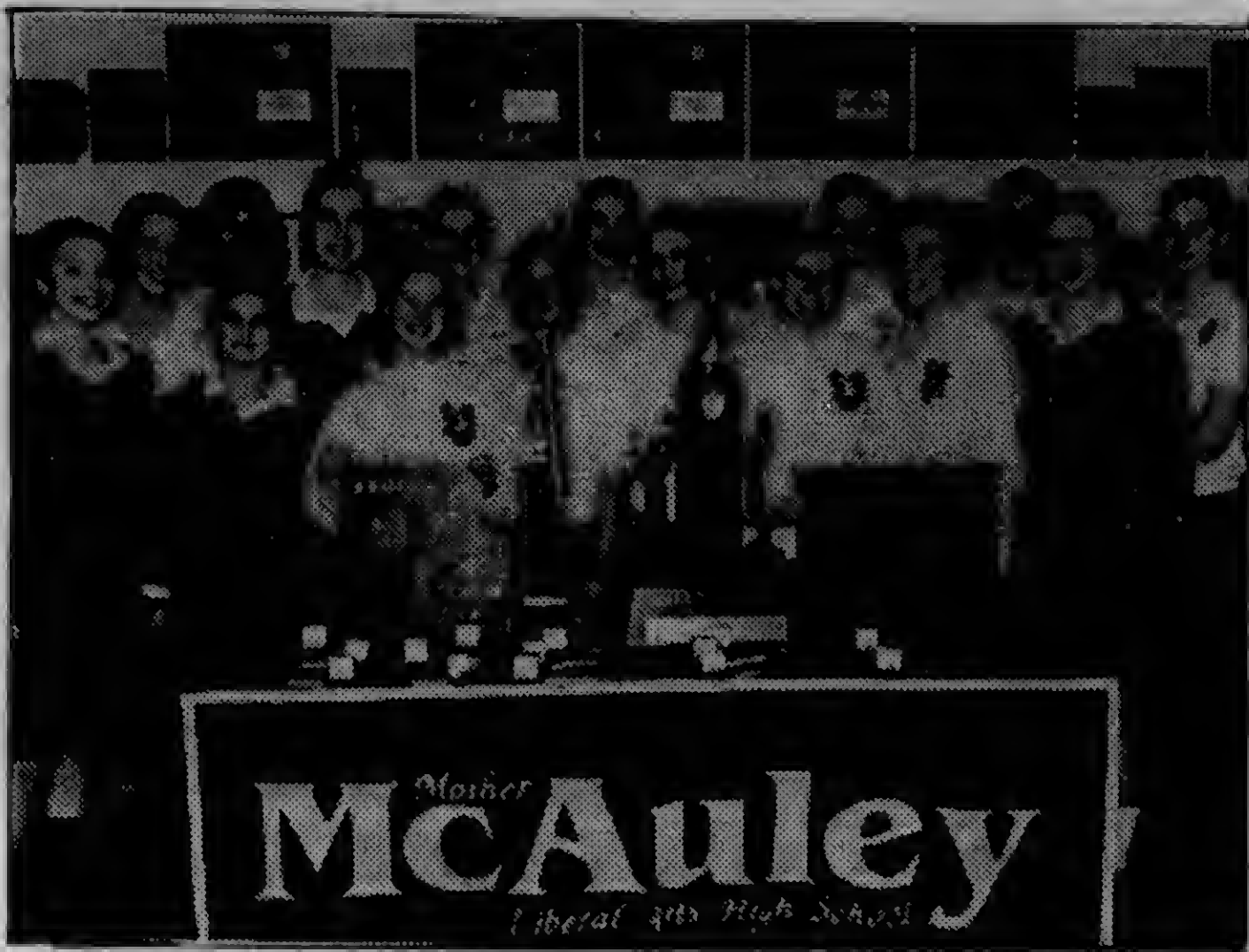


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## State Volleyball Champs

Mother McAuley High School's Varsity volleyball players recently relived the thrill of their state championship as Sr. Rose Wiorek, RSM, gave each team member their ring. Kristyn Corely, team captain, said, "As I received my ring, I felt the excitement and the memories of the State Championship all over again. It is truly amazing to have this ring as a symbol of all our hard work and desire." Pictured with their many trophies from the season and rings on their fingers are: Front row, left to right, Katie Kozak, Nicole Hodgman, Katie Boyce, Eileen McNulty, Sarah Niedospial, Molly O'Connell, Elizabeth Kujawa, and Megan Knightly. Back Row, left to right, Maddie Barron, Coach Nancy Pedersen, Carrie Joyce, Amy Harmening, Kristyn Corely, Amanda Kenny, Megan Giffen, and Ellen Hayes. Not pictured: Sarah Sexton.

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## This summer Chicago becomes Puppetropolis

Mayor Richard M. Daley announced that Chicago will host *Puppetropolis Chicago*, an international festival of puppet theater, June 14-24. The event will be coordinated by the Chicago Department of Public Affairs and the Mayor's Office of Special Events.

*Puppetropolis Chicago* will feature dozens of performances, workshops, and exhibitions by local, national and international puppetry artists at locations throughout the city.

"Puppetry is an art form with universal appeal," said Mayor Daley. "We are pleased to be able to present another wonderful festival for the people of Chicago and our summer visitors to enjoy."

The event will kick off on June 14 with an opening celebration at the Museum Campus featuring Chicago's own Redmoon Theater. The event will also include the opening of "Playing with Fire" at the Field Museum, an exhibition of the work of Julie Taymor. Taymor is the world-renowned puppetry artist and creator of the celebrated Broadway musical,

"The Lion King".

The festival will also include the U.S. premiere of *Urban Dream Capsule* at Sears on State, presented by Performing Arts Chicago. This critically acclaimed ensemble of four Australian men will live in the store windows of Sears on State June 12-25.

Venues for the event will include the Chicago Cultural Center, the Field Museum, the Chicago Public Library's Harold Washington Library Center, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sears on State, the Chernin Center for the Arts, and Chicago park District facilities throughout the city.

"*Puppetropolis Chicago* will offer something for everyone," said James Law, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Special Events. "We're offering delightful performances for children, as well as sophisticated theater pieces which incorporate the art of puppetry in new ways."

For more information, please visit the website at [www.cityofchicago.org/SpecialEvents](http://www.cityofchicago.org/SpecialEvents), or call (312) 744-3315.

## Sears State St. store presents Urban Dream Capsule

*Urban Dream Capsule*, a critically acclaimed ensemble from Australia, will make their U.S. performing career at Sears on State, June 12-25. The performance is being presented by Performing Arts Chicago as part of *Puppetropolis Chicago*.

For two weeks, the display windows of the new Sears on State will be home to four men who will eat, sleep, and shower under the watchful eye of the public.

Around the clock, with no shades or shutters, *Urban Dream Capsule* will make the ordinary extraordinary. A shower becomes a comedy-drama and even preparing a meal can turn in to a slapstick comedy routine. The work thrives on exchanges with the audience, making this public event a very personal work.

For more information about this exciting event, visit [www.cityofchicago.org/SpecialEvents](http://www.cityofchicago.org/SpecialEvents).



## McAuley athletes at the top of their class

The Mighty Macs Varsity Basketball Team (28-4) ended the season as Sweet 16 and regional champs. In only his second year as head coach, Rick Mundo received "Coach of the Year" honors from the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association. He attributes the team's success to their preparation and setting of goals.

## Cast announced for the return of Rent

Casting has been announced for the return engagement of the musical phenomenon *Rent* at the Shubert Theatre, 22 W. Monroe, beginning Tuesday, May 8, for eight performances only.

The cast includes Jacqueline B. Arnold as public interest lawyer Joanne Jefferson, Maggie Benjamin as performance artist Maureen Johnson, Matt Caplan as filmmaker Mark Cohen, Shaun Earl as transvestite Angel Schunard, Chicago native Mark Richard Ford as computer age philosopher Tom Collins, Jeremy Kushnier as songwriter Roger Davis, Brian M. Love as landlord Benjamin Coffin III and Dominique Roy as exotic dancer Mimi Marquez. Rounding out the cast are Karmine Alers, Pierre Bayuga, Haven Burton, Marcus Chaney, Curtis Cregan, Cicily Daniels, Dana Dawson, Sala Iwamatsu, Gary, Indiana native Justin A. Johnston, Fred Jones, Joshua Kobak, Jake Manabat, and Stephanie Roth in the ensemble.

The second national tour of *Rent*, this company began performances in July 1997 in La Jolla, California, before moving to Los Angeles for an 18 week run and continuing on across the country. This tour last played the Chicago

## McAuley basketball and books

The McAuley Basketball Team met the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference criteria for the All-Academic Team. They are: back row, left to right, seniors, Katie Boyce, Maggie Hughes, Kaitlin Newquist, junior Tracy Grapenthin, seniors Karissa Ulanski, Tricia Molloy, juniors Jill Pranske and Bridget Boyce. Kneeling, left to right: seniors Elyse Lambert, Kristyn Corely, juniors Jena Zientek, Lauren Levine, sophomore Kathleen Reilly, juniors Sara Giglio, Hillary Douin, and Amy Harmening.

Preparation and setting of goals worked in the classroom as well. The Mother McAuley High School Athletic Department is proud to

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## Husbands and Remotes

For eight hours every day, our husbands enter the workplace to partake in jobs that are as individual as they are. Some of these husbands are lawyers or maybe, they are truck drivers hauling their loads throughout the busy streets of the city. There are some whose careers as policemen find them patrolling our neighborhoods to keep us safe, while others are teachers, helping our children reach their full potential. But whatever name they go by during the day, by the time they come through the door at night, most of these husbands can be described in the same two words -- couch potato.

My husband Bill is a hard working man, but sit him in front of the t.v. and, like magic, he turns into a couch potato. With popcorn on one side, a glass of Pepsi on the other, and remote in hand, he becomes oblivious to everything going on around him. Though I'd never begrudge him this time to relax, I've often been envious of his ability to zone out, even in the midst of kids fighting, and the dogs practically standing on their heads in hopes of getting his attention. I've tried to do it myself. Many times, after dinner, I'd be rushing to catch up on household chores and he'd say, "Come on hon, sit down and watch t.v. with me." Usually I'd come in with a laundry basket full of clean clothes to be folded as I'd enjoy some t.v. time with him.

It didn't take me long to figure out why husbands and remotes are in a class all by themselves. With cable, and the ability to receive over a hundred channels, these couch potatoes have created a sport all their own, appropriately called -- channel surfing. My husband has become quite good at it. He may be glued to the Lazy Boy, but he can change channels faster than you can say, "What's on?" I have learned that you can't watch t.v. with a channel surfer, they've seen them all. Actually, they aren't patient enough to sit through an entire movie. As any wife knows -- they don't want to see what's on -- they'd rather see WHAT ELSE is on!

Whenever I do get the chance at controlling the remote, I tend to stop at a good love story, which puts Bill's trigger finger in withdrawal. After twenty two years of marriage, I have learned to compromise. While Bill pursues his goal of catching every show being aired, I prefer to enjoy one show at a time -- in the kitchen.

After a hard day at work, it's nice to welcome home our athletes in training. For channel surfing is the sport of choice of every couch potato.

Click. Click.

## Softball league registration begins in Palos Hills

The Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department is currently holding registration for the Men's and Women's 16" Softball Leagues. League play consists of a 10 game schedule, with the top 4 teams making the playoffs. League play will begin the first part of May. The registration fee, if paid before April 13th, is \$520 per team; after that date the fee is \$550. Call 430-4500 for information.

## Night football camp at Marist

Marist High School in Chicago will host a spring football camp, at night, under the lights of the football field. The camp is for all current 7th and 8th grade boys. The camp will run from Monday, April; 30th to Thursday, May 3rd from 6:30-8:00 pm. The cost of the camp is \$30, which includes a camp tee shirt. Registration can be obtained in the main office at Marist High School, 4200 West 115th Street. Please call 773/881-5300 for more information.



## Ronald McDonald visits St. Bernadette School

Ronald McDonald visited St. Bernadette School in Evergreen Park and presented a self esteem program to the preschool through third grade classes. "You're the Star" is a lively interactive show where the Ronald tells the children that a "can do attitude" will allow them to be all that they can be. Ronald chose students from the group to bring on stage and he held trivia contests with them. Prizes for winners were tickets for a sundae at any McDonald location. Pictured are: Tom Kelly of Evergreen Park, Megan Lavette of Oak Lawn, Willie Massey of Chicago and Melissa Flisk of Evergreen Park.

## Queen of Peace High School inducts 42 students into NHS

Forty two students at Queen of Peace High School were inducted into the National Honor Society on Tuesday, March 13.

Nearly 225 family members and friends attended the induction ceremony at Queen of Peace High School.

Senior Jill Cashdollar, NHS co-president, told new members, "Many solely associate NHS with good grades and a high grade point average, but the dedication of its members goes above and beyond that. The service projects and the energy that students are willing to put into those projects are a major component of being in NHS."

Senior Joann Bryja, NHS co-president, added, "Knowledge can lead to success in many areas not only in the classroom but in life. What we learn now can help us fulfill our dreams in life."

The following seniors are new NHS members: Katie Campbell, Laura Cerdan, Jenny Gonzalez, Bridget Newman, and Meghan Hughes.

The following juniors were inducted into the NHS: Alicia Atkins, Stephanie Baker, Ashley Ceno, Kathy Cislo, Marie Clarke-Willis,

Nicole Diog, Katie Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Gawron, Meghan Hayes, Patricia Hentgen, Jacklyn Hernandez, Rebecca Hodorowicz, Mariola Janik, Lauren Joyce, Kathryn Kazecki, Janet Kwilosz, Meghan Lahart, Leann Mack, Michelle Marzec, Marissa Melero, Luara Murczek, Kristen North, Kristen Okresik, Jennifer Owsianiak, Vanessa Pacheco, Carly Perminas, Michelle Pfeiffer, Erin Ramsden, Lisette Rodriguez, Rebecca Seymour, Kishawra Shannon, Kaitlin Shine, Megan Sullivan, Jessica Tyrus, Rachel Williams, Lisa Wittleder, and Aleksandra Wojda.

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## Eugene Moore pushing for a more efficient and public friendly operation

Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, has recently announced that his office recorded the "One Millionth" Document in the calendar year 2000. That milestone not only reflects an increase in activity for our office, but also presents a new challenge in terms of our record keeping.

In order to preserve the integrity of our records, our office must be able to assign a document number that uniquely identifies and accurately records any transaction pertaining to real property located within the Cook County.

Recorder Moore has determined that the current eight digit system cannot sufficiently guarantee this outcome. In fact, the continuation of the current system would result in the assignment of the same number to documents that describe completely different

transaction or parcels of land. This is especially true when you consider that, recently, it has become increasingly common for this office to record one million documents in a single calendar year.

Consequently, our office, in keeping with our push towards greater efficiency and a more accountable, public friendly operation, has modernized the accounting techniques for the tracking and retrieval of documents. Specifically, we have adopted and implemented a new ten digit system for our record keeping. This will ensure that we avoid the confusion and duplication that would have been unavoidable under the current system.

Cook County Recorder of Deeds, Eugene Moore, concluded by saying "It is imperative that we maintain the trust of the public and the integrity of our records."

## Girl Scout Council Benefit

The arrival of April also means the coming of the South Cook County Girl Scout Council's annual benefit. This springtime event for adults supports activities and services for Girl Scouts throughout the south Suburbs.

On April 28 party goers will meet at Glenwood Bowl at 185th and Halsted for a buffet dinner, bowling, a silent auction and a few surprises. Shoe rental is included in the reservation fee, but bowling skill is not necessary since most of the bowling will be silly games.

There will also be a raffle, with a trip to Orlando and Walt Disney World as the grand prize. Other prizes will include a 14K gold and black enamel bangle bracelet from Bess Friedheim Jewelry of Orland Park, and a woman's watch from M. Horvath Jewelers in Lansing.

The silent auction will feature gifts and services from many local businesses and individuals, plus items from out of council donors such as resort areas, restaurants and hotels, and memorabilia from Chicago's sports teams.

Reservations are \$25 per person. The reservation deadline is April 13. Individuals who are not members

of the council are welcome to attend this event, enjoy the bowling and take part in the silent auction.

During this current Girl Scout year, the council has offered its members a number of special activities such as Building Arts for Brownies, Ms. Fixit for Juniors, an adventure weekend at Lattof YMCA for Cadettes and Seniors, Girl Scout family nights at the Field Museum and the Museum of Science and Industry, plus a full calendar of theme weekends at the council's Friendship Center, and outdoor opportunities at Camp Palos.

Girl Scouting is the world's preeminent organization devoted solely to girls, where leadership development, emphasis on character, conduct and community service, a membership inclusive of all girls, and a sense of fun and adventure are all essential elements of the program.

To make a reservation for the benefit, or for more information about the benefit or Girl Scouting, call South Cook County Girl Scouts at 708-957-8100.

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## How to prepare for audits

Everyone dreads the thought of receiving a letter from the IRS that says they would like to audit your return.

According to the Illinois CPA Society, however, an audit should be viewed as nothing more than an impartial verification that you have reported all your income and are entitled to the exemptions, deductions, and credits claimed. Should that dreaded letter appear in your mailbox, here are some helpful strategies for dealing with the IRS:

**Don't Panic!** Carefully read the letter from the IRS to verify that the information is correct. Be sure to understand what you are being asked to do. Respond promptly, but don't hesitate to ask for a postponement if you need more time to assemble your records. Preparation is the key to getting through the audit as painlessly as possible.

**Think twice before attending your own audit!** You can choose to handle the audit by yourself, have a representative such as a CPA go with you, or have he or she

go in your place. Most experts recommend that you do not attend your audit.

**Know your Rights!** The IRS is required to inform you of your rights as a taxpayer. For example, you have the right to prompt, courteous and impartial treatment. You have the right to ask for a reasonable amount of time to produce requested documentation, stop the audit to consult a tax advisor, and request that the site of the audit be changed. Read IRS publication 1, *Your Rights as a Taxpayer*. You can call the IRS at 800/829-3676 to order this publication.

**Avoid Getting Audited!** The best strategy is to avoid being audited in the first place. Some "red flags" that may increase your chance of being reported include evidence of unreported income, Personal expenses disguised as business deductions, large deductions that are out of line with reported income, and sideline businesses that never show a profit.

CPA's recommend that you maintain accurate and comprehensive records to support your deductions:

## Study shows uninsured and insured with chronic conditions receive less care

Millions of Americans who suffer from 5 of the most common chronic health problems face vast disparities in the care they receive depending on whether or not they have health insurance, according to a new report by Families USA, the national organization for health care consumers.

The report is the first analysis of differences in health care received by uninsured and insured people with heart disease, hyperten-

sion, high cholesterol, arthritis and chronic back pain.

Compared to their insured counterparts, the report states, uninsured people with these health conditions: receive half the number of lab tests; are much more likely to go without medicines essential to maintaining health; obtain far fewer screenings for high blood pressure or cholesterol; depending on the condition, make 19 to 28 percent fewer visits to physicians; are 3 to 4 1/2 times

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days

Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany, Vice President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, has announced that the Board of Commissioners have voted to double its financial support of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days it co-sponsors each year. The District contributes part of the funds needed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to collect and dispose of household products that might otherwise pollute the environment.

For the past eight years, the District has contributed \$20,000 per event. Beginning this year, the District will contribute \$40,000 per event.

Commissioner Meany stated that "the District has provided this service to the taxpayers since 1993." Meany concluded by saying "the District is happy to participate with the Bureau of Land of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, who choose the sites around the State each year for spring and fall collection sites."

The District has applied for a date this spring in Cook County.

likely, depending on condition, to have been unable to obtain care due to affordability problems.

"Contrary to popular myth, this report shows that uninsured people receive much less care than those who have health insurance," said Families USA Ron Pollack. "Unfortunately, these differences are enormous for the many millions of Americans afflicted with potentially life-threatening or disabling health conditions."

• Uninsured people with arthritis are more than 5 times as likely to receive no prescriptions of any kind as their insured counterparts.

• Among people diagnosed with high blood pressure, the

## Chicago Magic Soccer Club forms alliance with Team Chicago Football Club

The very successful Chicago Magic Soccer Club based in Frankfort has executed a formal alliance with another Chicagoland soccer club - the Team Chicago Football Club based on Naperville. The Magic is widely recognized as one of the top independent soccer clubs in the Midwest and in the nation, has won 48 Illinois state championships in the past ten years.

The Team Chicago FC is also well known and respected for their strength in developing girls' teams and has won eight Illinois state titles in the past few years under their club director Hudson Fortune.

An important element of the alliance is that both clubs will remain completely independent clubs with several teams being moved to take advantage of the team strengths and to create more challenges for the players of both clubs.

The Magic will manage the transfer as many as eight boys teams that will stay in together and continue their practices at the Team Chicago training facilities in Naperville but with new Chicago Magic coaches. The teams will be known as Chicago Magic - West squads and will be part of the

Chicago Magic family of teams that included 38 teams in 2001.

Three of the Chicago Magic girls teams including the U-12, U-11, and U-10 girls teams will remain intact, but will be known as Team Chicago - South teams. The former Chicago Magic girls teams will be coached by Team Chicago coaches at the Magic training facilities in Frankfort and New Lenox.

"We felt that it was in the best interests of all the kids from the Chicago Magic to pursue this realignment," explained Director of Coaching Mike Matkovitch. "Our girls teams were not being pushed to the level of play that many of them are capable of playing because we haven't been able to attract some of the top players in our area. This movement of teams will help these young girls teams to find more - and better - competition. In the long run that will make them all better players and more successful as players."

"We've struggled in finding top qualified coaches for our girls program like most of the top clubs around the country. The tremendous growth in club soccer across the country has forced the demand for new girls coaches to overshadow the supply of top people. However, we continue to search for the best young coaches in the country

for all of our programs. In the end we felt that we had to move the girls team in question on to a very well developed girls program that will push these young ladies to continue their progress in the sport."

"On the boys side their teams will stay in place with a few of their better players moving on to our elite teams at the ages of 12, 13, and 14. In addition the Team Chicago boys who are looking to continue to play after they turned 14 years old will now have a place to turn to in the future. They will be warmly integrated into our existing teams as well as keeping teams operating of the Naperville-Aurora communities with our best Chicago Magic coaches."

"We think this is a win-win situation for everyone. The players will be training close to home and yet they will have a chance to train and play against better and better competition."

The Chicago Magic successfully integrated a merger with the Windy City Football Club of Northbrook last year. The Magic added three of the Windy City boys teams at the U-16, U-17, and U-18 ages for the current season along with the former Windy City FC coaches. For more information, contact Hudson Fortune 630-476-0088 for Team Chicago or Tom Bonen 815-469-1844 for Chicago Magic.

## The Council's Annual Spring Banquet

The South Suburban Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse's Annual Spring Banquet is set for Thursday, May 17 at 6:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center located at 18501 S. Harlem Ave. in Tinley Park.

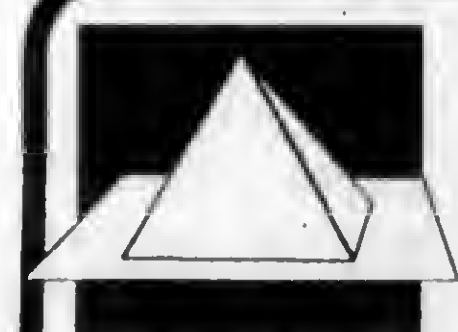
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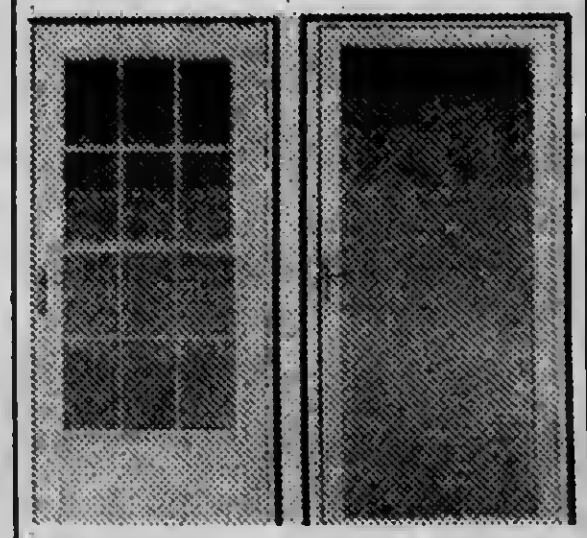
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"... the hospital still uses the labor-induction procedure... Sue Reinbold, a hospital spokeswoman, said."

(*Chicago Tribune*, 10-2-00).

Should a baby be aborted alive, only comfort care is provided and not medical care. "Comfort care" is defined as keeping the baby warm in a blanket until he or she dies. Staff is not required to hold the dying baby but only to check for signs of life once an hour "or as needed." (*Advocate Policy #WHS492*)

A minor may abort her pregnancy without her parents' knowledge or consent. (*Advocate Policy on Pregnancy Termination*, pg. 7, 10-14-99)

## WRITE OR CALL

To say that you do not want abortion in your community:

Carol L. Schneider, CEO

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...Your state representatives this week at 217-782-2000 or at their local office during a CWA-sponsored phone blitz and ask them to support the Illinois *Born Alive* bills. This package of three bills to protect the lives of aborted children such as those at Christ Hospital recently passed through the Senate (sponsored by Sen. Patrick O'Malley) and is now in the House (sponsored by Rep. Tom Johnson). Let [director@illinois.cwfa.org](mailto:director@illinois.cwfa.org) know immediately if they say they are in favor of these bills. Also plan to attend CWA Lobby Day on April 18 in Springfield. Contact [hwy@bcl.net](mailto:hwy@bcl.net) or [brock@chipsnet.com](mailto:brock@chipsnet.com)

## ADVOCATE POLICY:

Second-trimester abortions (up to 23 weeks) are performed for life "or health" of the mother or the unborn child; rape or incest (even if baby and mother are healthy); lethal fetal anomalies; and multiple gestation (2+ babies). (*Advocate Policy on Pregnancy Termination*, pgs. 2-3, 10-14-99; *Advocate Pregnancy Termination Fact Sheet*, 6-00)

(The Supreme Court defined "health of the mother" as any condition that might impact the physical, emotional, financial, and psychological well-being, including familial and age concerns. This definition of "health" basically results in abortion on demand.)

Although counseling and review of abortion requests are required by each hospital's Ethics Committee, cases falling outside Advocate's abortion policy "will" be referred to other abortion facilities.

(*Advocate Policy on Pregnancy Termination*, pg. 4, 10-14-99; *Advocate Pregnancy Termination Fact Sheet*, 6-00)

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- Can you trust the care of your baby to a doctor or hospital that aborts other babies?
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"I happened to walk into a 'soiled utility room' and saw, lying on the metal counter, a fetus, naked, exposed and breathing, moving its arms and legs. The fetus was visibly alive and was gasping for breath... Later I found out that the fetus was 22 weeks old and had undergone a therapeutic abortion..." Allison Baker, RN, testifying under oath at the same hearing in Washington D.C., about her experience at Christ Hospital on 7-20-00.

**"Abortion is a crime that kills not only the child but the consciences of all involved."**

*Mother Teresa*

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Refuse, if possible, to give your business to Christ Hospital or Lutheran General Hospital or to ANY doctor or hospital that commits abortions.
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## Cook County Judge addresses domestic violence

By Rick Techman

The causes, results and corrective actions for domestic violence and abuse entered the public eye through a lecture delivered by Judge Daniel Welter of the Cook County domestic violence court in Bridgeview at a community meeting at the Clearing library, 6423 West 63rd. Place on Thursday, April 5.

Welter, also a local Catholic Church deacon, explained it is both a crime and a sin to abuse another person. He said whether it is physically, emotionally, psychologically or spiritually, domestic violence is simply wrong. Welter said this crime has become very pervasive in our culture and it stretches across all elements of society.

Sponsored by the nurses of St. Daniel the Prophet parish, Welter had a wealth of information to deliver. "I really appreciate you coming out here today," Welter told the crowd of almost 50. "Because," he added, "this is not an easy topic. This is something that is so important in our society today. We try to raise the profile," he continued, "of this dirty, little secret because it cuts across economic lines, educational lines, religious lines. It's an equal opportunity offender," he said.

The judge said victims, primarily women, will remain in this type of relationship to continue their standard of living, continue care for the children, genuine love, lack of alternatives and other reasons. He also said children are profoundly effected by this experience and blame themselves for its

occurrence. He said for children domestic violence is a psychologically scaring experience.

Welter said this cycle of abuse will usually occur at least seven times before the domestic violence case reaches the courts. He said typically the offender will present a loving and apologetic attitude promising never to become abusive again. According to the judge, professionals at several levels can recognize and treat both the offenders and the victims of a domestic violence incident.

Welter explained local churches, social service agencies, health care organizations the courts and others are available to address victims needs and treatment for offenders when help is sought. He also said the Bible teaches equal respect for both man and wife in a relationship and you simply don't hit other people.

Welter said 95 percent of victims of domestic violence are women adding that 25 percent of abused women are pregnant. Welter said domestic abuse begins when the offender seeks power and control over the victim. He said this is a behavior the offender gained through life experiences. He said there are no excuses for domestic violence. Like alcoholism, this is a treatable disorder.

He added a cycle of abuse begins with tension and once the tension builds up an explosion occurs between the offender and the victim. The explosion, the judge explained, would be a violent incident started by the offender including verbal and physical abuse.



Judge Daniel Welter

He said most physical injuries would include strikes against the ribcage and the pulling of hair. He said it would be anything other than visual injuries until the abuse became frequent. Finally, in the third stage of domestic violence, calm develops between the two and the offender offers excuses and apologies for the explosion. Eventually, he explained, the cycle would begin again.

## Flanagan's Wake

### comes to St. Rita's

The smash-hit, interactive comedy "Flanagan's Wake" will be presented on Saturday, April 21st at St. Rita High School at 7740 Western Avenue in Chicago.

Tickets are \$25 each, and a cash bar that will include Guinness (what would an Irish wake be without stout?) will be available.

Doors will open at 6:45 pm. The Wake begins at 7:30 pm. Parking is at the rear of the school, enter through the athletic wing doors.

To order tickets available by check, Visa, or Mastercard, please call Connie Johnson at (773) 925-6600 ex 49.

Join the Burbank Park District as we venture to Stage Coach USA on Saturday, April 28. You will see what it looked like in the 1800's as well as the Eisenhower Railroad Car Museum. There will be nostalgic sing-a-longs, entertainment, general store, gift shops with over 10,000 antiques on display. To keep you on the edge of your seat we will encounter hi-jackers before entering Stage Coach USA. All of this plus a barbecue style lunch needed in the fee of \$54. Call 708-599-2070 to check availability.

The Burbank Park District are looking for Women's 16" Softball Teams to play on Thursday nights at 6:30 pm. The league consist of 10 teams, 9 regular season games and the top 8 teams make the playoffs. The total league fee is \$475. Any teams interested should call 708-599-2070.

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## Clearing Civic League

### Community policing

The Beat 813 CAPS Meeting will take place on April 23, Monday at 7:00 pm, at the West Lawn Library, 4020 W. 63rd Street.

### Neighborhood Assembly

The Neighborhood Assembly will be held on May 12, Saturday, at McCormick Place at 8:30 am. If you are interested in attending, bus transportation can be provided. Call Judy Olby, the Beat 812 Facilitator and 008th District CAPS Community Organizer, at 312-747-3515.

There is no fee and a light breakfast and lunch will be furnished. You will be able to acquaint yourself with all the City services and attend the informational seminars that you choose.

### Spring into Health

A health fair on April 28, Saturday, will be held at John F. Kennedy High School, 6325 W. 56th Street, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The fair will be sponsored by Chicago Public Schools, Advocate Christ Medical Center and Hope Children's Hospital. For more information call 773-535-2325.

## St. Rene Boy Scout Troop Annual Spaghetti Dinner

St. Rene Boy Scout Troop 498 Annual Spaghetti Dinner on April 29, 2001. Located at Flannery Hall, 63rd Place and New England from 1:00 to 6:00 pm.

Adults \$5, Children 4-11 \$3.50, Children 3 and under are free. For more information call Susan 773-229-1109.

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## Lipinski sponsors annual Easter Egg hunt

The Easter bunny visited with hundreds of children in Hale Park during Congressman William O. Lipinski (D-3) egg hunt on Holy Saturday, April 14. More than 800 parents and children attended. About 4,000 eggs were planted in the lawn throughout the park for all children up to 10 years old to find. Games were available to children waiting for the hunt to begin while snacks were available for all. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)



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## Highlights from Palos Hills Council Meeting

By Jude Coyle

A canvass of election results was read at the April 5, 2001 meeting of Palos Hills City Council. The following candidates were declared winners: Mayor Gerald Bennett, City Clerk Rudy Mulderink, Treasurer Ken Nolan, Aldermen Joan Knox, Mary Ann Schultz, Dan Scurek, A.J. Pacek, and Ricky Moore.

Before handing over his seat to newly elected Alderman Schultz, former Alderman Andy Galatte took a moment to say thank you. He said that he enjoyed his term and hoped that he had done some good.

Alderman Darlene Meier commented that she 'was slipping through another door as an old one was closing.' She thanked everyone for supporting her in her 17-1/2 years as Alderman, and reminded the new Aldermen that 'This job is not about you, it should be about Palos Hills. Mayor Bennett commented that she was one of the hardest working Aldermen he had worked with.

Others commented, thanking both Meier and Galatte for their efforts and wishing them well in the future. Then Judge Martin Berry stepped forward and swore in first Mayor Bennett to his sixth term, and then the rest of the Council.

Both Aldermen Knox and Schultz thanked their supporters and promised their best efforts.

Alderman Joel Tomas read a memo from Commissioner George Lutz concerning the Public Works Department. A check was received from F.E.M.A. in the amount of \$8,900 to help reimburse the City for the cost of snow removal during the

December storms. Commissioner Lutz commented on the excellent job Superintendent Dave Weakly has done as City Arborist. He has put a great deal of work into the forestry program, and has worked very well with Mary Jo of the Community Recourse Department. Because of their combined efforts, Palos Hills has earned the U.S.A. Tree City and Growth Award.

For the record, Alderman Pauline Stratton commented that she was disappointed that the resolution for High School District 230 was again delayed.

## Montefori Gardens and Pavilions

Montefori's gardens will be open to the public free of charge on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm beginning June 5th. Reservations are not necessary for garden walks but are an absolute must for the Buffet Luncheon presented in the main pavilion at noon.

Montefori's gardens and pavilions will be available Thursdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm by reservation only for parties of ten or more.

Although all Saturdays this season are booked for weddings having a minimum of 200 guests, there are several Sundays and many Fridays still available for smaller parties. Whatever the occasion we can accommodate parties as small as 20 guests with advance reservations.

For luncheon reservations or to make an appointment to visit Montefori, please phone 630-257-6576. We will be

happy to meet with you at your convenience to discuss your plans for entertaining this summer.

It is not too early to make reservations for Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 13th, 630-257-6576.

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## O'Malley Champions for Governors State students

Governors State University students who have been victimized by the school's lack of accreditation will be allowed to seek state licensing as clinical social workers, under legislation sponsored by State Senator Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park).

Unanimously approved March 22 by the State Licensed Activities Committee, Senate Bill 1152 allows 2001 graduates of Governors State University (GSU) with Master's of Social Work degrees to take the state Clinical Social Worker Licensure exam.

"Students in Illinois who in good faith rely on our institutions of higher education to achieve a degree should not be the ones who pay the price when a college or university fails to meet the requirements to be accredited," O'Malley said. "Many of the GSU students affected are young mothers, who have given up two years of their lives to achieve a dream. To simply offer them their tuition money back or give them less than the full opportunity to become licensed clinical social workers is unacceptable."

The 18th District Senator says students wanting to be licensed as a clinical social



Oak Lawn residents Joe and LaVerne DePaul White, Women Center of Greater Chicago. White Eagle Restaurant, Niles, Illinois, Sunday, February 11, 2001.

## Outstanding award presented to a woman from Italian American Club

The Southside Italian American Women's Club proudly announces that our member LaVerne DePaul White was presented a "Life Award" on Sunday, February 11th by the Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland at the 2001 Life Banquet.

This award was given for LaVerne's extraordinary services to Unborn Babies and their Mothers as a Volunteer Crisis Intervention Counselor for the past

eight years at the Evergreen Center.

In 1984 the Women's Center was founded to serve as a specialized crisis pregnancy resources for women, teens, and families. Over the past 16 years the Centers has served over 50,000 teens, women and families.

Each client can be assured of experience and network of referral resources to the decision making process. The greatest concern has always

been for the physical and emotional well being of the client as displayed by compassion and understanding as she needs to make a well informed decision.

With a yearly budget of \$1.3 million the main stay funding comes from sacrificial pledges of at least \$1,000 a year, direct mail appeals, a flower sale on Mothers' Day in 100 parishes, walk-a-thon, Christmas wreath sales, and other fund raisers but no government funding.



worker must meet the following requirements: (a) have a master's degree in social work from an approved program; (b) complete 3,000 hours of supervised clinical experience; and (c) pass the state exam for practice of clinical social work as authorized by the Illinois Department of Professional Regulations.

"As a matter of simple decency, these students who

acted in good faith should not pay the price for a process that broke down between GSU and the Board of Higher Education. This legislation will send a strong message to colleges and universities around Illinois to make sure this doesn't happen again," O'Malley said.

Senate Bill 1152 now move to the full Senate for further consideration.

## Woodcarving class

The Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department is offering a Woodcarving class on Wednesdays starting April 25 through May 30 at 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Ages 18 years and older are welcome. Fee for residents is \$45.00, non residents is \$50.00 (wood is included). Register in advance at the Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd Street. For more information call 430-4500.



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## Harmonica Concert at Library

The Windy City Harmonica Club will perform selections from the 1920s, 30s and 40s Sunday, May 6 at 2:00 pm at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street. Admission is free. First come, first seated in the lower level meeting room.

The Windy City Harmonica Club consists of players from all over Chicagoland and Indiana

who share in interest in playing, preserving and promoting harmonica music. On several occasions, their group has been featured on WTTW's "Wild Chicago" program.

This concert is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

A complete schedule of adult programs offered at the Oak Lawn Public Library is available at their Community Information Centers, first floor, and at their website [www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

## Oak Lawn Chamber Monthly Luncheon

Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, May 8 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. Social hour is at 11:30 am. Lunch will be served at noon. Call the Chamber Office for reservations, 708-424-8300.

## Board of Trustees Meeting

By F.J. Soczek

Three Firefighters were sworn in as Fire Engineers at the commencement of the regularly scheduled Village Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday night.

James McGeever, Edward Stroner and Vincent Griffin took the oath administered by Village Clerk Jayne Powers.

During the meeting time allocated to Village Trustees for statements or

observations, District Three Trustee Robert Streit stated he had no comments concerning his district.

First District Trustee Jerry Hurckes presented a petition on behalf of a resident to allow a temporary storage unit to be placed in a driveway at 8925 S. McVicker Ave.

Hurckes stated he had discussed the issue with the next door neighbor, who was unopposed to the suggestion.

The petitioners requested a short term (6 month) variance to store household goods during a remodeling project.

In a letter to the Board, the petitioners asked that a 10' by 18' storage container be placed next to their garage, and further noted the container was similar in color to their existing home, in order to make it less obtrusive.

The Village Board unanimously approved the petition.

Trustee Marjorie Joy suggested the Village Board investigate and possibly clean up the area East of 110th Street and Central Avenue which she noted is currently zoned "Industrial."

Joy did not provide any examples of extant refuse or specific violations of applicable Village municipal code.

Sixth District Trustee William Keane stated he had no comments concerning his area.

Fourth District Trustee Steven Rosenbaum announced a community meeting will be held Tuesday, May 15th at the Salem United Church, 9717 S. Kostner at 7:30 pm.

Second District Trustee Ronald Stancik stated he would like to see more

alleys paved throughout the Village. Stancik bemoaned the fact people with \$35,000 vehicles must get them "dirty" while driving to their garages.

A request for an alley vacation, 20' Wide

(East/West) between Mayfield and Menard Ave., from 89th Place to 90th Street, was unanimously approved without comment by the Village Board.

The Planning and Development Commission voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend the request.

According to a memorandum prepared by Donald McKenna, Chief Building Engineer, Office of Quality Control, "A visual inspection of the alley reveals that it is not paved and engineering records indicate there is a 10" sanitary sewer located within the described 600 foot length of land."

The petitioner, Michael Hardesty, 5816 W. 90th Street, stated to the Planning and Development Commission the reason for his request was to provide (without compensation to the Village of Oak Lawn) an additional ten (10) feet of rear yard space to the residents.

Another reason so noted in the request was the elimination of "unwanted" traffic in the "alley" behind the petitioner's homes and the "history of fly dumping" behind the homes.

Village counsel appeared to be reticent concerning any possible precedent setting legal ramifications involving the approval of this petition.

The Village Board unanimously approved a request by the Traffic Review Committee to post one-way signs for northbound Meade Avenue, between 92nd and 91st Streets, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. on school days.

A special Class P Liquor License was unanimously approved by the Village Board to Swajkowski Enterprises, doing business as Vintner's Cellar, 5535 W. 110th Street.

The license will allow the operation of a mail order only fine wine business at the above location.

## Shoppers' Survey Shows Target, Kohl's Swears are top picks for Evergreen Plaza

Preliminary results from a survey of community residents indicates that a wide majority of people would like to see Target, Kohl's or Sears take over the space in Evergreen Plaza recently left vacant by the bankrupt Montgomery Ward Co. The survey was conducted by the Provo Group, managing general partner of Evergreen Plaza, 9500 S. Western Ave., Evergreen Park.

Surveys were distributed by mail to residents of suburban Evergreen Park and nearby southwest Chicago neighborhoods, the Plaza's customer base. The survey was printed in The Beverly Review, The Village View, Evergreen Park Courier and The Villager newspapers, and was posted on VillageWEB.com, a website maintained by the Beverly Area Planning Association (BAPA).

"Shoppers want to see a Sears, Target, or Kohl's open in Evergreen Plaza," said Marne Provo of the Evergreen Plaza management office. "These three stores were by far the most popular responses on the survey." Provo tallied 359 responses returned to the Plaza by mail or phone, and 239 responses sent in by email through BAPA's website. The

greatest numbers of responses, totaling 1,282 to date, were received in reply to the direct mail surveys.

"What shoppers definitely don't want to see in Evergreen Plaza is a discount store," Provo said. "Discount houses listed on the survey took time to write comments, saying that they do not want to see a discount store open in their mall."

"Evergreen Park has been served by the Plaza for nearly 50 years," said James Sexton, Mayor of Evergreen Park. "Shoppers in Evergreen Park and surrounding communities have been able to count on the Plaza for convenience and quality. The Provo Group has worked hard to attract quality retailers and a good mix of shopping options for the Plaza. The people of Evergreen Park do not want to see these efforts undermined by the presence of a low end discount store in the Plaza."

"The Village of Evergreen Park is prepared to fight the location of a Goldblatt's store in Evergreen Plaza, Sexton continued. "We have contacted Wards management to discourage them from selling their lease to Goldblatt's and to let them know that the Village will not endorse this sale. We have also contacted Sears to let them know that

Plaza shoppers would love to have them locate a store in the space vacated by Wards in the mall."

Sexton's views are strongly supported by the area shoppers who completed the Plaza's customer surveys. Comments from survey respondents included:

"We have more than enough discount stores in our area. I want quality!"

"Please do not put any 'value' stores in the mall such as Goldblatt's."

"Don't put a junk shop in our neighborhood... We do have the money to spend."

"Upscale stores instead of value driven options."

"The most important type of store is one that appeals to residents who are... middle to upper class and a diverse clientele."

Another wrote in supporting the location of a quality department store for the Wards spot, "The Plaza is safe, immaculate and very appealing... If you build it, they will come."

According to Provo, many people who returned the survey noted that they appreciate the opportunity to give their opinion. "Thank you for taking the time to listen to your costumers," one respondent wrote.

"This is an important

issues," 19th Ward Ald. Virginia Rugai said. "The quality of the commercial areas directly impacts the quality of residential communities. The people of the Beverly Hills/Morgan Park and Mt. Greenwood neighborhoods and the Village of Evergreen Park have been working hard to attract high end development to the commercial strips. The Plaza's survey shows that area shoppers are ready to commit themselves to shopping locally if they can buy the quality merchandise they want. We will continue our efforts to bring these stores to our communities."

Results of the Plaza's survey will be shared with Mayor James Sexton, Ald. Rugai, Willie Winters, Executive Director of the Beverly Area Planning Association; Lois Weber of the 95th Street Business Association, and Reverend James Meeks, Rainbow Push, to use in their economic development programs.

Persons wishing to add their opinions to the survey can call the Evergreen Plaza guest service line, 708-952-5640, or go online at [www.Village.WEB.com](http://www.Village.WEB.com).





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### Palos United Methodist Church

"Catch the Twain! ... Mark Twain" will be presented as a free program, Saturday, May 5, at 7:00 pm at Palos United Methodist Church, 12101 South Harlem Avenue, Palos Heights. Preceding this authentic reenactment by Warren Brown of Twain's very humorous stories and commentary, there will be a

prime rib dinner, starting at 5:30 pm, prepared by Chef Creede Hargraves (\$15 adult, \$7.50 children 10 and under).

Both the dinner and the show or just the free program may be attended. But tickets for the dinner are limited and going fast! (Call the church: 708-448-0798).

This outstanding program is made possible by an award from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Illinois General Assembly.

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## Palos Hills City

by Jude Coyle  
Once the Minutes from the previous Palos Hills City Council Meeting is accepted by the Council, the floor is opened to citizens wishing to make petitions or voice their views. The City Council Meeting of April 19, 2001, was no different.

Mr. John Van Leer, resident of the Timbers spoke. He had read about 'some sort of resolution going on in the newspaper... About a nature sanctuary and the land behind it.' That in 'his opinion this would 'look like garbage.' He wanted to know why the Principal from Stagg High School was leaving. He said that 'more information should be provided to the public.'

Jerry Sawyer, a resident since 1949, turned to Mr. Van Leer when he spoke. He said that when he came to Palos Hills, his father, a farmer, helped put together a baseball association. He said that 'a couple of acres aren't going to affect you. Give it to the kids... The future is in our kids...'

Both men referred to two resolutions that were to be brought before the Council that evening. One resolution would allow the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a lease agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District for 180 acres of land. This property is located along the Cal Sag Channel, from the Com Ed property on the East and Keane Avenue on the West.

The second resolution would allow the City to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Consolidated School District 230 for the lease of 18 acres of that same land. They would be used to expand Stagg High School's athletic fields.

The remaining land spans either side of Stagg High School. The City plans to protect it as it is.

Both resolutions were originally brought before the City Council on June 1, 2000, and both passed that night. When the vote was called on April 19, the resolutions again carried, but with Alderman Kleefish voting no, and Alderman Williams abstaining. Mayor Bennett plans to invite the public to discuss the plans.

Mayor Bennett announced the appointment of Candace Heylin as the

new Ordinance Officer. It will be her job to enforce local codes, issue tickets and act as animal warden. Officer Heylin will be part of the Administration, and will work closely with all departments, particularly the Police and Building Departments.

An ordinance presented by Alderman Andy Cisarik amends section 5.10.200 of Chapter 5.10 of the municipal code. This regulates the number of liquor licenses available. Currently there is 1 Class B license, 7 Class C, 2 Class C-1, 1 Class D, 2 Class F, 8 Class H, and 2 Class I licenses in use. The ordinance reduces the number of licenses available to reflect those numbers in all classes except Class F, which will have no more than 4 licenses available at any time. There will be no limit on Class K or Class L licenses.

3D Design has had a chance to review the bids for work to be completed on the Town Square Park project. On the recommendation of Dan Daziel of 3D, bid specs were split into four packages.

Alder-man Al Pacek read from a list provided by 3D of the contractors they felt should be awarded work. George's Landscaping bid \$236,139 on the veteran's plaza and water feature, and \$26,000 electricity, \$187,836 for overall landscaping and site furnishings. Lava bid \$53,268 for concrete sidewalks, and Cherry Creek Landscaping bid \$62,001 for two playgrounds and a pavilion. The project total would come to \$566,540. The Council approved the recommendations.

According to 3D's Dan Dalziel, bidding this way allowed contractors to concentrate on those items that they specialize in, and provide a better quote. This saved the City enough money to allow the contractor to use concrete instead of asphalt on the walks, and to install electricity for the lighted walk of trees now. Originally, they planned to run pipe beneath the walkways and wire them later when more money became available.



## Village of Worth

By: F.J. Soczek

By the time you read these words, the Village of Worth will officially have a new Mayor, Village Clerk and two new trustees.

And there appears to be little doubt the changes in Village personnel will signal the beginning of a much needed era of civility and open communication between those "in power" and the people who, in trust and good faith, placed them there.

One of the first formal actions taken by Mayor Ed Guzdzioł was to appoint a new law firm to represent the Village.

This decision comes as the culmination of a sad litany of unanswered questions over legal bills from the outgoing law firm of Odelson and Sterk.

Almost every time Trustee Ed Guzdzioł would raise a question or pose an inquiry regarding the appropriateness of Odelson and Sterk's actions or billing, he would be answered with a rude crash of Mayor Bilder's gavel and the topic of "discussion" would quickly revert to other matters.

In a February, 2000 letter to the Village President and Board of Trustees, Village attorney Donna McDonald decried Trustee Guzdzioł's "public and hostile statements about legal fees."

In the letter, McDonald requests Mayor Bilder "that your authority reflect a consensus from the Board."

And so he did. On countless occasions, Bilder used his "authority" to break a tie vote to pay Odelson and Sterk invoices.

And he continued the practice through his very last official moments in office.

The subject of the February memorandum involved possible testimony in a civil lawsuit by Worth Police Chief Frank Gilbert and Officer Brian Furrack.

McDonald acknowledged the Village of Worth was not currently named in the suit (arising out of an accidental shooting of a teenager in 1996) but "under rules of civil procedure a complaint can be amended all the way up to the time a jury returns their verdict."

"With an eye to protecting the Village," McDonald requested formal permission "to attend any court sessions with these officers, as well as preparation for their testimony."

The infamous case of Robert Stewart and his "Dream House" continues to drag on through the legal system.

It has been over a decade since the first time petty Village bureaucrats descended upon a man simply trying to build a special place to live.

As the frail and sickly man reeled in the aftermath of a homeowner's worst nightmare, Village attorney Donna McDonald snugly handed Stewart 84 pages of legal bills and invoices totaling over \$75,000.

Fortunately for Stewart, the Judge felt the nearly one pound packet of "fair and reasonable costs" deserved closer scrutiny.

Village attorney Donna McDonald begged for a continuance, stating her firm was involved with "election" matters during the time scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on Stewart's legal bills.

On April 18th, Michael McGrath from the Village law firm of Odelson and Sterk appeared before Judge Stack and explained his firm required yet another continuance, citing their dismissal as Village legal counsel.

There was just one rather disturbing fact McGrath omitted in his pleading.

His firm would remain official legal counsel for the Village of Worth for almost two more weeks.

And the "costs" in question were first filed with the Court clerk November 28, 2000.

Why was the Village counsel repeatedly requesting "continuances?"

Judge Stack demanded a court reporter be present at the next hearing. He also mentioned the word "appeal."

Although he was not yet formally sworn as Mayor, Ed Guzdzioł took time off to attend the April 18th hearing and extended his hand to Robert Stewart.

And Stewart smiled as he returned the gesture of peace.

Indeed. There will still be a man with a gavel in the future, but things will be different now.

And the true character of the Village will be more than a slogan on a water tower. Much more.



## Palos Heights City Council Meeting

by Jude Coyle

The April 17, 2001 Meeting of the Palos Heights City Council marked the changeover in terms for several administrative positions and several aldermen.

Mayor Dean Koldenhoven used that opportunity to clean up some last minute business. First on his agenda was to present plaques to families and individuals honoring their contributions towards civic improvements. He recognized the family of Chester and Rita Evers for their donation of a piece of property to the City. According to the Mayor, Grandma and Grandpa Evers wanted the land to be used as a park or playground.



Next, Mayor Koldenhoven honored Warren Jacobek for his recycling efforts, and for the donations Mr. Jacobek has made with the proceeds earned from recycling. Mayor Koldenhoven pointed out four Rockwell prints adorning the walls of the Council Chambers, and a new video camera. Mr. Jacobek has also

donated money to a local scholarship program called Dollars for Scholars.

The next individual recognized was D.A.R.E. Officer Christy Pace. Mayor Koldenhoven said that 'Officer Pace has a way with kids, that leaves them inspired.' Recently she was nominated as the Illinois D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year.

Chief of Police Howard Roseen took over. He presented certificates to Aldermen Bob Donneck and Jim Murphy in recognition of their years of service on the Public Safety Commission. Alderman Murphy served as Chairman for eight years. Chief Roseen also recognized Mayor Koldenhoven for his service to the Police Department, and in appreciation of his efforts towards making the Police Station project a reality.

Next Mayor Koldenhoven announced that he would veto two ordinances that had come before the Council at the March 20th Meeting.

At that meeting Alderman Kramarski had moved that the City hire Morris Engineering on a full time basis to oversee the construction at the Westgate Valley Development. According to Alderman Kramarski, there are several uncorrected violations to the building code.

Another ordinance that was passed at the 3/20 meeting would establish a committee to monitor the construction of the new

Metra Station.

Mayor Koldenhoven said that both issues were not cost effective. That new buyers were paying a lot of money in fees now, and that to hire Morris on a full time basis would increase the cost substantially. He felt that this is the duty of the Building Commissioner, and if the Commissioner is overburdened now, it is up to the City to hire additional personnel.

Asked about reintroducing the same ordinances at a later date, Alderman Kramarski promised to work with the new Mayor first.

The last act of the evening was to swear in newly elected officials. Judge Anthony Montelion, the Presiding Judge at the Bridgeview Courthouse swore in Mayor Robert Straz, Clerk Marsha Fisher, and Treasurer Frank Oswald. Judge William Patrick Prendergast took over. He swore in Aldermen Jeff Prestinano, Jack Clifford, Dolores Kramarski and Arthur Phillips. Judge Prendergast is retired from the Fourth District Criminal Court, and currently serving on the Palos Heights Police Commission.

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Pictured from left to right: Jan Fryklund, Executive Director of the YMCA Network, presented Founders Bank with a community partner award. Accepting the award on behalf of Founders Bank were Vice Presidents Roberta Bauer and LeRoy Corradino.

## Y's Annual Volunteer Dinner

Jan Fryklund, Executive Director of the YMCA Network (Alsip), presented Founders Bank with a community partner award at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner on April 11. This award recognizes Founders

Bank (Worth) for their leadership and commitment to the YMCA Network. Accepting the award on behalf of Founders Bank were Vice President Roberta Bauer and LeRoy Corradino.

Bauer, who is a member

of the Board of Directors of the YMCA Network, expressed her appreciation.

To learn more about the YMCA Network, please contact Jan Fryklund at 708-385-6700.

## The Palos Heights 'Aluminum King'

by Jude Coyle

After spending 25 years with Illinois Bell, Mr. Warren Jacobek retired. Then he found himself a new calling. He recycles aluminum. When asked what made him do this, he said, 'You're telling yourself we need to save the environment, and I never learned to play golf.'

He retired back in the late '70's. He wasn't sure whether that was '78 or '79. What he does remember is that in 1980, he asked the owner of the Buick Dealership on Route 83 to help him out.

The man set up a bin behind his business. Here, Mr. Jacobek collected paper, glass, aluminum, cardboard, tin and motor oil. He invited Scout troops, the Lions, Kiwanas, nearly 20 organizations in all, to join him on Saturdays to help separate and recycle what had been collected. He split the proceeds among the participants.

That worked well for all concerned until the dealership closed in '89. Mr. Jacobek said that he was unable to come up with another depot of that nature. He continued to save, but out of his garage. "My wife is understanding," he said, about the growing piles.

When the paper market crashed, he said that he changed his focus to aluminum exclusively. "I can't pass a can on the street without picking it

up." According to Mr. Jacobek, he has walked through the Palos Heights area picking up cans. He asked his neighbors and friends to help him out, too. Sometimes, Mr. Jacobek said, someone will call and offer him something, like siding, or copper.

The City has also gotten into the act by setting up a receptacle behind the Simpson Club House at Lake Katherine. Mr. Jacobek commented that a lot of people have made it their duty to take their cans to Lake Katherine.

He'll take what he receives to the recycler at 128th and Kedzie, in Alsip. "You'd be surprised how much you can earn," he said.

He sets aside the proceeds until he has enough to do something with. Since January of '00, he has picked up a little under \$1,500. He keeps meticulous records.

He said that he saves his earnings for a few months, and when he has something substantial, he has asked Mayor Dean Koldenhoven what he could buy, or what he could do. He has made several contributions to a local organization called Dollars for Scholars. As the name implies, worthy high school students are presented with scholarships towards furthering their educations.

Mr. Jacobek has used his earnings to purchase

items to be used by the City. In the past year, he has purchased a set of four Norman Rockwell prints called 'The Four Freedoms.' They are quite large and are hung in the Council Chambers behind the Mayor, Clerk, and Treasurer's desk. He also bought a video camera and tripod which is to be used by the City to film the City Council Meetings for broadcast later on their local cable access channel.

Mr. Jacobek and wife, Shirley, are parents, grandparents, and new great grandparents. They have lived in Palos Heights for 16 years and for 38 years prior to that in Palos Park.

They are moving to the Sarasota area. At the April 17 City Council Meeting, Mayor Koldenhoven noted his disappointment that his friend will be leaving soon. The Mayor also presented Warren Jacobek with a large plaque, thanking him for his many contributions.

Asked what he'll do to keep himself busy, Mr. Jacobek said that he felt sure that he'd find something, especially if his new community hadn't made arrangements to recycle aluminum.

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## Increase in homestead exemption in bankruptcy proceedings

Illinois' homestead exemption for bankruptcy proceedings would be quadrupled, under legislation sponsored by State Senator Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park) and approved by the Illinois Senate.

Senate Bill 1234 increases the homestead exemption in bankruptcy from \$7,500 to \$30,000.

"Without question, Illinois has one of the lowest homestead exemptions allowed under bankruptcy laws of any state in the union," O'Malley said. "By quadrupling the homestead exemption, we are beginning the dialogue to elevate this to a level significantly higher than what we have. Substantially raising the homestead exemption would also help protect homeowners from the unscrupulous practices of so-called predatory lenders."

The 18th District Senator says other states like Texas have homestead exemptions that allow people going through bankruptcy proceedings to keep their homes, regardless of what they are worth.

## Mother Daughter Dinner at First United Methodist

The annual Mother Daughter Dinner at the First United Methodist Church, 94th Street and Homan Avenue, Evergreen Park, will be held on Friday, May 11, starting at 6:30 pm.

Tickets are available, adults \$8.50, children 5 to 10 years \$4.00, under 5 years free.

Entertainment will feature Antique Lace, a mother daughter singing/tap dancing duo performing "Top of the World Show" of classic and show tunes. This mother daughter duo has been performing together since 1995.

Devotions will be led by Joyce Lowe, Evergreen Park. The Honored Mother is Ralene Lyons, Oak Lawn. Reservations are limited. Call the church office, 708-422-8451 or call Eleonore at 708-424-4632 to make reservations.



## New General Superintendent

The Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District appointed John C. Farnan to the position of General Superintendent, effective April 20th, when the current General Superintendent, Hugh McMillan, will retire. Left to right: McMillan, Farnan, and Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the Board.

## M.W.R.D. appoints new General Superintendent

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, extends congratulations to the newly appointed General Superintendent of the District.

In recognition of the appointment President O'Brien stated that "we are delighted to welcome Jack Farnan in his new capacity." Farnan succeeds Hugh McMillan, who over the years has been recognized as one of the outstanding leaders in his field.

Jack Farnan joined the District in 1997 as the Administrative Aide to the President. He was appointed Deputy Chief Engineer, in 1995 and Chief Engineer in April of 1996. As Chief Engineer, he has been responsible for planning, design and construction of the District's capital program. As General Superintendent, he will manage the day to day operations of the District and oversee a staff of more than 2000 employees.

Mr. Farnan is a graduate of the University of Detroit with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. Before working for the District, he held positions with DeLeuw, Cather and Company, the Illinois Division of Highways,

the Chicago Transit Authority and the Chicago Departments of Public Works and Streets and Sanitation. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois and has memberships in the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Public Works Association (President of City Branch) and the Water Environment Federation.

In October 2000, the American Society of Civil Engineers, Illinois Section, named Mr. Farnan the "Government Civil Engineer of the Year."

## St. Fabian Parish

On Sunday, June 24, 2001, at 3:00 pm, the St. Fabian Parish will host the Archdiocesan Mass for the Separated and Divorced. Bishop John R. Gorman will be the principal celebrant and Bishop Joseph Perry and Bishop Thad Jakubowski will concelebrate. The separated and divorced ministry of St. Fabian Parish will provide hospitality after the Mass. All persons affected by separation or divorce and their families are invited to attend. Further information can be obtained by calling Deacon Ken at (708) 458-8923 or Tom and Marianne (708) 499-5377.

## Dear Editor

I just wanted to say how encouraged I was when I saw the ad on the back page of the April 17, 2001 edition of the Village View, "Stop Abortion at Christ Hospital and Lutheran General." Encouraged, because I have been working diligently for the past two years alongside many other devoted pro-baby citizens to bring this in front of the faces of the people in the community surrounding the hospital. After two years of spreading the word, I still have people tell me they "don't believe it." I thank you especially for quoting and citing Advocate's own abortion policy.

I applaud your courage and conviction. We will never see such truth telling on the pages of the mainstream liberal Chicago newspapers, and Advocate has done everything in its power to deceive the community into believing what they are doing is "compassionate," "therapeutic," "between the woman and her doctor," and "in the best interest of the patient."

I would be honored to stand alongside you at the next prayer vigil.

Sincerely  
Mary Lynn Ferkaluk  
Hickory Hills, IL

Dear Ms. Coyle:

I am writing to you because you wrote some articles for us in the last election here in Bridgeview.

On April 27, 2001, at approximately 12:00 noon, Mr. John Curry, Building Commissioner, accompanied by a Bridgeview police officer entered into the World Golf Dome, 8900 S. 77th Avenue, Bridgeview, where we were having a "Field Trip" for approximately 30 handicapped children. The children were eating pizza, and Mr. Curry starting bullying them, and yelling at them -- telling them that they were not allowed to eat food inside of the Dome. The children were startled, as were the adults that were chaperoning them.

Mr. Curry should have asked the person in charge at the Dome at the time to step outside so he could discuss this instead of scaring the children. The Village of Bridgeview should have had the decency to approach us in a different mannerism and tell us what if anything we were violating.

We did not order the pizza

## Brosnahan co-sponsoring prescription drug discount program

State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) recently announced that he will again be co-sponsoring the Senior Citizen Drug Discount Program. The legislation would create a prescription drug discount program for Illinois seniors and disabled persons.

Brosnahan explained that in recent years, the high cost of prescription drugs has become a real problem for senior citizens. While seniors are forced to pay outrageous costs for medication, the wealthy pharmaceutical remains the most profitable in the country.

"Sometimes senior citizens are forced between basic living expenses and picking up their prescription medications," stated Brosnahan. "This is why the passing of this legislation is so important to seniors."

The legislation, House Bill 2336, is a redraft of House Bill 3036 from the 91st General Assembly. House Bill 3036 passed the Illinois House along partisan lines last year, only to be bottled up in the Senate Rules Committee. The only change in the measure is that the Central Management Services (CMS) -- not the Department of Revenue will administer the program. The

CMS currently negotiates group prices on behalf of state workers.

House Bill 2236 creates the Senior Citizen Drug Discount Program, available to all Illinois seniors age 65 and over for an annual fee of \$25. Disabled persons eligible to participate in the state's Circuit Breaker program would also be eligible for the Drug Discount Program. CMS would negotiate with drug manufacturers on behalf of the seniors, with initial prices based on the Federal Supply Schedule plus a dispensing fee. Prices listed in the Federal Supply Schedule average 52% less than retail prices for the same drugs.

"This program will provide Illinois seniors with access to the same discount drug prices that are available to beneficiaries of Medicaid and the Public Health Service," Brosnahan said. "Drug prices under this program average 52% less than retail drug prices are currently forced to pay. That savings will make a big difference for our senior citizens."

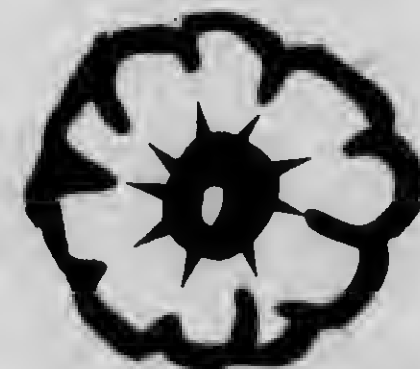
Constituents interested in seeing this legislation enacted into law, may call Representative Brosnahan's office at 708-499-2810.

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or did we sell the pizza, would this same thing have happened if they brought in candy bars. Or just there own lunch. This is just another example of harassment in Bridgeview.

Sincerely  
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# Kathy's Kaleidoscope



by Kathy Whirity  
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## Make Believe Mommies

"I'm going to be a mommy when I grow up," said one little girl dressed up in high heels and trying not to trip on the long dress flowing at her feet. "Me too," said her little sister as she stirs the pretend pot of soup they'll be sharing with friends. They take turns rocking the baby doll that lies ever so peaceful in the toy cradle.

Tea time brings out every imaginable little visitor that takes up space in their room. From Barbies to Winnie the Pooh, and a couple of cuddly bunnies thrown in for good measure, all are most welcomed guests.

Their lipstick smudged faces peek out from underneath wide brimmed hats, as these women in training imitate life as they have seen played out before their eyes. In their make believe world of playing mommy and hosting tea parties, there is no reality of bills to pay or jobs to work at, to dampen the spirit of love and gaiety that makes up their playtime fun.

Many years separate the dress up days of our little girls, from our own long ago fantasies of youth. Nowadays, we live in the real world of motherhood. With hungry mouths to feed and diapers to change, the many challenges we face each day don't leave us much time to relish these truly special moments in our lives.

But at night, as our little angels lie fast asleep in their beds, we pause to kiss the sweet cheeks of innocent daughters who, unknowingly, teach us the simple lessons of the heart. Wishful little ladies who find glamour in mom's wardrobe and believe that life is best when you're a mother. As we shut out the lights and say goodnight, we find ourselves surrounded by the peace of realizing that their make believe world is taken from the way they see our reality.

At these times we are reminded of just what a precious gift these children are to our lives. I truly believe that we are only as good as the memories we install in the hearts of our children — and sometimes they begin with make believe mommies.

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!!!

From my heart to yours,  
may the precious gift of a child's love,  
be the reason you thank the Lord above;  
for as long as love and memories unfold,  
a mother's heart shall never grow old...

## Fiesta Crab Nachos

from Chefs Susan Feniger and Mary Sue Milliken

### Ingredients:

2 tablespoons butter  
2 garlic cloves, peeled and sliced  
1/2 small onion, sliced  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
1 cup dry white wine (optional)  
1 cup bottled clam juice  
1 cup heavy or whipping cream  
2 canned chipotle chiles, rinsed off  
1 cup (4 ounces) grated Romano cheese  
1 cup (4 ounces) grated Monterey Jack  
10 ounces crabmeat  
8 ounces tortilla chips (about 3 handfuls)  
1/2 bunch cilantro leaves, chopped, for garnish (optional)

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium high heat.

Saute the garlic and onions with the salt and pepper, until golden, about 5 minutes. Pour in the wine (optional) and boil until the liquid is reduced by half, 2 to 3 minutes. Pour in the clam juice and boil until the liquid is

## Tomatillo Salsa

### Ingredients:

1 pound tomatillos, husked, washed and cut into quarters; or 1 3/4 (11 ounce) cans of tomatillos  
2 to 4 large jalapeno chiles, stemmed, seeded if desired and roughly chopped  
1/2 medium onion, cut in quarters  
1 bunch cilantro  
1 teaspoon salt

### Directions:

Place the tomatillos and jalapenos in a blender or food processor fitted with the metal blade. Puree just until chunky. Then add the remaining ingredients and puree about 2 minutes more, until no large chunks remain.

Salsa will keep in the refrigerator, in a covered container, about 3 days.

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again reduced by half, another 2 to 3 minutes. Add the cream and cook over high heat until thick enough to coat a spoon. Stir in the chipotle chiles and remove from heat.

Transfer mixture to a food processor or blender and puree. Stir mixture back into the large skillet. Stir in 1/2 cup of the Romano cheese and 1/2 cup of the Monterey Jack cheese.

Return the skillet to medium heat. Stir in the crabmeat, bring just to a boil and remove from heat. Stir in the tortilla chips. Transfer to a large casserole, sprinkle with the remaining cheeses and bake for 5 minutes or until cheeses melt. Sprinkle with the cilantro (optional).

## Three Cheese Mexican Lasagna

from Chefs Susan Feniger and Mary Sue Milliken

### Ingredients:

2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 medium yellow onion, thinly sliced  
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste  
12 large tomatillos, husked, cored, and thinly sliced; or 2 (11 ounce) cans of tomatillos  
2 zucchini, trimmed and thinly sliced  
2 yellow crookneck squashes, trimmed and thinly sliced  
3 cups Tomatillo Salsa  
1/2 cup heavy or whipping cream  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
12 (day old) 6 inch corn tortillas, 18 for individual casseroles  
2 cups (8 ounces) grated Monterey Jack  
1 cup (4 ounces) grated farmers or panela cheese  
1/2 cup (2 ounces) grated Parmesan or anejo cheese  
Butter

### Directions:

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Saute the onion with salt and pepper until golden and transfer to a medium sized bowl. In the same skillet, saute the tomatillos with salt and pepper and transfer to the bowl. Add squashes to the skillet and reduce heat to

medium. Cook the squashes with salt and pepper until barely soft. Transfer to the bowl and mix the vegetables together.

In another mixing bowl, combine the salsa and heavy cream. Heat the vegetable oil in a medium skillet over medium low heat. Cook the tortillas, one at a time, about 5 seconds per side to soften, and transfer to a large colander to drain.

Combine cheeses in a mixing bowl. Preheat oven to 350°. Butter a 4 quart casserole dish or 6 to 8 individual casserole dishes. To assemble the lasagna, dip each of the softened tortillas in the salsa mixture to moisten and layer one third of the tortillas in the baking dish. Top tortillas with half the vegetable mixture and evenly spoon half the salsa mixture over the vegetables. Sprinkle 1/3 of the combined cheeses over the salsa. Repeat the layers, ending with the remaining cheese. Cover tightly with aluminum foil.

Bake for 30 minutes or until the edges are slightly brown. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.



## 28th Annual Latino Celebration

Rhythmic dances like the samba and lambada, folktales and supernatural legends of the ancients, the vivid sights, smells and sounds of the colorful and dynamic Latino culture. May sizzles as the Museum of Science and Industry hosts the 28th annual Latino Horizons, a month long celebration of Latino heritage and culture featuring a juried art exhibition and daily performances.

Latino artists display their drawings, paintings, photography, original prints, ceramics, sculpture, textiles and more in the revival of the Latino juried art exhibition.

Accompanying the art exhibit are weekday and weekend performances by Caribbean, Latin American, Spanish and Puerto Rican talents such as Grupo Cultural Monja Blanca, Taino Dance Troupe, Oxib Kauau, Cuerdas Clasicas, Tropical Harmony and The Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago. All performances will be held in the West Pavilion at 10:15 am weekdays; 2:30 and 3:30 pm weekends.

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## Irving Berlin's Call Me Madam

The Auditorium Theatre Council has lined up an all star cast for their *Ovation!* Concert Celebrations of Great American Musicals production of Irving Berlin's *Call Me Madam*. Leading the cast as the irrepressible "Hostess with the Mostes," Sally Adams will be Jo Anne Worley; Fred Willard will portray Pemberton Maxwell; and Malcolm Gets will star

as Kenneth Gibson. *Call Me Madam* will be performed Wednesday, May 9 through Sunday, May 13, 2001 at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 East Congress Parkway, Chicago.

The performance schedule will be as follows: Wednesday, May 9 at 7:30 pm; Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12 at 8:00 pm; and Sunday, May 13 at 3:00 pm. Tickets range in price from \$19 through \$77. Tickets can be obtained at the Auditorium Theatre box office, at all Ticketmaster outlets via telephone at 312-902-1500

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## Chicago Children's Choir

Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, 8425 W. 95th Street, presents a Spring Concert, May 6, at 6:00 pm. Chicago Children's Choir is performing with 125 singers of life. Tickets for adults are \$8, seniors and children under 12 are \$5. Tickets will be sold at the door or prior to the concert at the church.

## West Side Story's first show of 2000-2001

As its first offering of the 2000-2001 season, Drury Lane Oakbrook will present the enormously popular musical play *West Side Story*.

The performance schedule for *West Side Story* is as follows: Wednesdays at 8:00 pm; Thursdays at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm; Fridays at 8:30 pm; Saturdays at 5:30 pm and 9:00 pm; and Sundays 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm. Ticket prices range from \$19 to \$25 with dinner/show packages available. Tickets may be purchased at the Drury Lane Oakbrook box office, located at 100 Drury Lane, or may be charged by phone by calling 630-530-0111.

TicketMaster outlets also carry tickets as well as TicketMaster phone charge at 312-902-1500. Student discounts and group rates are available for all performances. Drury Lane Oakbrook is handicapped accessible.

## Upcoming at Drury Lane Theatre this year:

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Sept. 20-23 -- The Mills Brothers  
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## Drury Lane Theatre presents Some Enchanted Evening

Performances of *Some Enchanted Evening* are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 2:00 pm; Friday evenings at 8:30 pm; Saturdays at 5:00 pm and 8:30 pm; Sundays at 3:30 pm.

Individual ticket prices are \$21.00 to \$26.00 for show only; \$34.00 to \$46.00 for show with lunch or dinner including tax and gratuity. Senior citizen discounts of \$2.00 per person are available for all matinee performances with greater discounts for groups of 20 or more.

For group information call 708-422-0042. For individual tickets and dinner/show tickets or to take advantage of our Subscription Series 2001 you may call the Box Office at 708-422-0404. You can also visit us at our website [www.drurylane.com](http://www.drurylane.com) for information and online reservations.

Drury Lane Theatre is located at 2500 West 95th Street in Evergreen Park, two miles west of the Dan Ryan Expressway, 20 minutes from downtown Chicago. The entire restaurant/theatre complex (including six dining rooms) is wheelchair accessible. Valet and free self parking are available.

## Godspell will enchant paramount audiences

The award winning musical *Godspell* will enchant audiences on Tuesday, May 29th and Wednesday, May 30 at 7:00 pm at the Paramount Arts Centre in Aurora.

*Godspell* is an all new, cutting edge production and features a cast of 16 and live orchestra. This national touring production is redesigned, reorchestrated, restaged and rewritten for the new millennium. *Godspell* tells the story of the Gospel according to St. Matthew in an updated contemporary way.

Even the music that made *Godspell* so special is renewed in this modernized musical. Favorites such as "Prepare Ye," "All Good Gifts," "All For the Best" and the Number One Billboard Hit "Day by Day," have received a fresh take by artists such as Tori Amos, Lyle Lovett, Dave Matthews Band, N'Sync, and Jewel.

*Godspell* originally opened off Broadway at the Cherry Lane Theatre in 1971. After five years of attracting

sold-out audiences to small off Broadway theatres, the show moved to Broadway's Ambassador Theatre in 1976, where it stayed for 527 performances. The 1973 film version starred Victor Garber and David Haskell. There was obviously something extraordinary in the unique music of *Godspell* because it served as a springboard for one of the most powerful careers in entertainment. Composer and lyricist Stephen Schwartz, who won two Grammy Awards as producer for the *Godspell* soundtrack album, went on to create hits such as *Pippin*, *The Magic Show*, and *The Baker's Wife*. He recently enjoyed the success as one of the creators of the scores for Disney's *Pocahontas*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and *Prince of Egypt*.

Tickets for *Godspell* are \$28.50/\$25 and are on sale at the Paramount Arts Centre Box Office, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora, (630) 895-6666 and TicketMaster out-

lets. *Godspell* is sponsored by americast Television Advertising and by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

The Paramount Arts Centre is a not for profit performing arts theater dedicated to bringing quality, affordable entertainment to the western suburbs. The theater was placed in the Nation Register of Historic Places in 1982.

## The Best Little Whorehouse

Having achieved superstardom in the worlds of film, television, recording and the concert stage, the legendary Ann Margret makes her theatre debut in a spectacular new production of the Broadway musical comedy smash *The Best Little Whorehouse* in Texas.

Tickets to *The Best Little Whorehouse* in Texas are \$25 to \$70 and are on sale now at all Broadway in Chicago Box Offices, by calling the Broadway in Chicago Ticketline 312-902-1400, at all Ticketmaster ticket centers or at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Groups of 20 or more can receive a discount by calling 312-977-1710.

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sultants for United Airlines, which serves their signature dishes on flights to Mexico and Central and South America.

## Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church

Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, 8426 W. 95th Street, presents a Spring Concert, May 6, at 6:00 pm, Chicago Children's Choir, 125 singers of life.

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## The Philadelphia Story cast members

Thomas, the butler, (left) played by George McDonald, Oak Lawn, serves coffee to Seth Lord, played by Tony Carsella of Blue Island, while his daughter Tracy, played by Christina Mikulskis, Palos Hills, is about to discuss her wedding plans with him, in this scene from the Beverly Theatre Guild's of the romantic comedy "The Philadelphia Story" by Phillip Barry. Photo by Bob Brodsky.

## Olympic Coach in Oak Lawn

Kathy Casey has taught Olympic ice skaters such as Nicole Bobek, Scott Hamilton and Rosalyn Summers, and now she can teach you. Casey will be coming to the Oak Lawn Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton Ave.) on Saturday, June 9, for a one day figure skating seminar. Skaters must be preregistered for this event and must be able to skate at a minimum of International Skating Institute (ISI) Freestyle 4 level or a United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA) Preliminary level.

"We are extremely excited to have a coach of this quality visiting our ice arena," says Tina Pluta, skating school manager. "This is an excellent opportunity for figure skaters to pick up some tips from the coach of the pros."

Casey has more than 30 years coaching experience, she has served on the U.S. Olympic Coaches Committee and is past president of the Professional Skaters Association.

Casey's seminar will last from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm, and it will focus on basic jumping techniques, combi-

nation jumps, power stroking, spins and combination spins. Off ice topics will also be covered, including skating motivation, peak performance tips, jump differences, and a question and answer session.

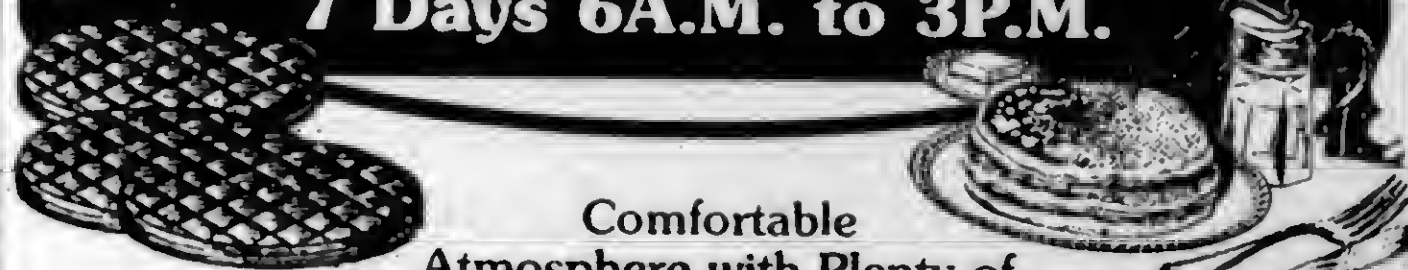
In addition to Casey's seminars, Pluta has arranged for guest speakers, who will offer advice to the attending skaters.

Also appearing will be a nutritionist and a dance instructor, who specializes in choreography.

Registrations for this special day are currently being taken at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena. Fees are \$92 for skaters and \$30 for coaches who sign up before Wednesday, May 16. A \$20 late fee will be assigned to registrations received past this date. A coach who accompanies three or more skaters will receive free registration. Space is limited. For more information, or to have a registration form sent to you, call the Oak Lawn Ice Arena at 708-857-5173, or email info@olparks.com.

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## District hires new principals for Richards and Shepard High School

The Board of Education of Community High School District 218 voted Monday, April 9 to hire Ross Cucio as the principal of Richards High School and Eileen Korhonen as the principal of Shepard High School. They will begin work on July 1, 2001.

Cucio's educational background includes a bachelors degree from Loyola University Chicago, a masters degree from Chicago State University, and a Certificate of Advanced Studies from Illinois State University. His professional background includes:

**Principal** - Stagg High School, Palos Hills (1992 to present).

**Associate Principal** - Andrew High School, Tinley Park (1991-1992).

**Dean of Students** - Lyons Township High School (1988-1991).

**Assistant Principal** - Bradley-Bourbonnais High School (1986-1988).

**Dean of Students** - Bradley-Bourbonnais High School (1980-1986).

**Counselor** - St. Laurence High School, Burbank (1974-1980).

**Teacher** - Gordon Tech High School, Chicago (1973-1974).

**Teacher** - Mt. Carmel High School, Chicago (1972-1973).

Cucio's awards and professional activities include the Excellence in Education Award in 1996 from the Illinois State Crime Commission; the IHSA Principal's Recognition Award in 1989; and, serving as president of the SICA Principal's Board of Control from 1996 to 1999.

"I feel honored a privileged to be offered the opportunity to work with the learning community of Richards High School," Cucio said.

Korhonen's educational background includes a bachelor's degree from St. Xavier College of Chicago, a master's degree from Loyola University Chicago, and a Type 75 (Administrative) Certificate from St. Xavier. Her professional background includes:

**Curriculum Director of English and LRC's** - District 218 (1985 to present).

**Teacher** - Richards High School, Oak Lawn (1970 to 1985).

As Curriculum Director for English and Learning Resource Centers, Korhonen managed departmental budgets; managed grant funds; wrote curriculum; recruited, hired and evaluated teachers; designed interview instruments for district wide use;

and, developed the ongoing integration of educational technologies into the English curriculum. Korhonen's career highlights include certifications as a Quality Assurance External Reviewer for the North Central Association and attaining Mentor Extraordinaire status for the Beginning Administrations Program in District 218.

"This is an opportunity that presented itself at a perfect time in my life. I am truly excited about my new position. I will be working in a beautiful school with an excellent staff and a wonderfully diverse student population in the community in which I grew up. I am looking forward to continuing the progress and success of the many Shepard programs that are already in place. I look forward to the challenges ahead of me, and I am anxious to play an active role in the education of our youth at Alan B. Shepard High School," she said.



## Casting announced for the Chicago debut of Mamma Mia

Casting has been announced for the Chicago debut of Benny Anderson and Bjorn Ulvaeus' Mamma Mia!, a new musical based on their songs of ABBA, which will play Chicago's Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph Street, for eight weeks beginning May 18, 2001. This infectious and funny new musical features 22 of ABBA's best known songs and has become one of the most successful musicals in the history of London's West End.

Leading the cast as Donna, a feisty 40 something single mom, will be Louise Pitre. Donna's innocent, idealistic daughter will be portrayed by Tina Maddigan. Donna's confidants Rosie and Tanya will be played by Gabrielle Jones and Mary Ellen Mahoney, respectively; her former suitors will be played by Gary P. Lynch, Lee MacDougall and David Mucci. Sophie's fiance Sky will be played by Adam Brazier; her two friends Ali and Lisa will be portrayed by Nicole Fraser and Miku Graham, respectively. Other cast members include Nicolas Dromard, Sal Scozzari, Michelle Aravena, Charles Azulay, Danny Balkwill, Karen Burthwright, Howard

Kaye, Lisa Kisch, Monique Lund, Matt Murray, Craig C.T. Ramsay, Nadine Roden, Ian Simpson, Jennifer Toulmin, Astrid Van Wieren and Shawn Wright.

The performance schedule during the first week will be as follows: Friday, May 18 at 8:00 pm; Saturday, May 19 at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm; and Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm.

Following the opening, the performance schedule will be as follows: Tuesdays at 7:30 pm; Wednesdays at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm; Thursdays at 7:30 pm; Fridays at 8:00 pm; Saturdays at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm; Sundays at 3:00 pm.

Tickets to Mamma Mia! which range from \$32.50 - \$75.50 for preview performances and \$34.50 - \$77.50 for regular performances, are on sale now at the Broadway in Chicago Box Offices by calling the calling the Broadway in Chicago Ticketline at 312-902-1400, at all TicketMaster centers or at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Groups of 20 or more can receive a discount by calling 312-977-1710.



## Willowbrook Ballroom's Early Mothers' Day Dinner Dance

Willowbrook Ballroom, 8900 S. Archer Ave., Willow Springs, will present an Early Mothers' Day Dinner Dance at 6:00 pm, Thursday, May 10. Live music will be provided by the renown Teddy Lee Orchestra.

This event includes dinner (choice of baked scrod or sauteed chicken breast with lemon basil sauce) at 6:30 pm, followed by a delightful evening of dancing on Willowbrook Ballroom 6,000 square foot dance floor.

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Pictured left to right: David Scott, Len Wcislo, Stefani Bishop.

## Palos Village Players

The Palos Village Players will present the world premier of *Snow Jobs*, a comedy about one of Chicago's big snow storms. It was written by local playwright Don Gautreaux of Hickory Hills. It will be presented on May 11, 12, 18, and 19 at 8:00 pm and May 13 at 2:00 pm at the Palos Park Village Hall, 8901 W. 123rd Street. It is the second production of the Players' 60th anniversary year.

Gautreaux has written several other plays which were presented at the Sabre Room in Hickory Hills. He has also appeared on stage at the Sabre Room and for the Palos Village Players. When he is not acting or writing, Gautreaux plays and teaches piano.

*Snow Jobs* is directed by George Machay (Blue Island)

and produced by David Groebe (Lemont). Others in the cast include the mother and daughter team of Toni and Stefani Bishop of Orland Park, David Beran and Nicole Peccatiello (Oak Lawn), David Scott and Jim Vlaming (Orland Park) and Len Wcislo (Hickory Hills).

Tickets for the show are \$9 for an advance reservation and \$10 at the door. There is a \$2 discount for students and seniors. There is also a dinner theater package at Hackney's Restaurant, 123rd and LaGrange Road, for opening night, May 11. Anyone who eats dinner at Hackney's on that night will be able to purchase a theater ticket for the discounted price of \$5. Call Hackney's at 708-448-8300 for reservations. For all other ticket information call 708-403-4421.

## Sneak a peak at the circus Under the Big Top

Jovial Clowns, breath taking acrobatics, sideshows, popcorn and peanuts -- life-long memories that can only come from experiencing the magic and thrill of the circus! But what does it take to put on a show that remains forever in a child's memory? Sneak a peak at what goes into the circus at the Museum of Science and Industry's new exhibit, *Under the Big Top*, opening April 6 running through September 9, 2001. *Under the Big Top* exposes what it takes to give the circus its magical ambiance -- costumes, programs, staging, and equipment for the tresses, trapezes, tightropes and lighting.

Your circus experience begins at the circus midway, complete with calliope music, stilt walkers, jugglers, clowns, authentic circus wagons -- part of the time honored tradition of the circus parade. It can only mean one thing -- the circus has come to town!

You think it might be fun to walk the 28 foot long tight-rope? Now that you've seen the amazing costumes, props and artifacts from circuses past, you'll be a witness to the skill, balance, strength, agility and discipline that are required of modern circus performers in the Museum's

Center Ring. The Actors' Gymnasium, a circus and performing arts school based in Evanston has brought their school inside the Museum, as a special component of *Under the Big Top*. You'll be amazed as you watch coaches in action, training their students in the Circus Arts (juggling, unicycling, or stilt walking), advanced aerial training or the flying trapeze.

Sneak a peak Under the Big Top and witness a side to the circus that you've never seen before! The Museum of Science and Industry is one of the country's pre-eminent centers for informal science and technology education. Located at 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive, just minutes from downtown Chicago, the Museum is open everyday of the year except December 25. Convenient parking is available in our underground parking garage. Hours are from Labor Day to Memorial Day, Monday through Friday 9:30 am to 4:00 pm and 9:30 am to 5:30 pm on weekends and most holidays.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day the Museum is open from 9:30 to 5:30 weekdays and weekends. For more information visit our website at [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org) or call 773-684-1414.



## Elks Lodge #2254 presents Citizenship Award to District 122 teacher

Ms. Joan Lilek, teacher at Dearborn Heights School was honored with the "Citizen of The Year" Award for her work with the local Elks Hoop Shoot Contest and promoting "Saying No To Drugs" to her students. Presenting the award was Vic Fischer, Exalted Ruler and Don Nowak, Hoop Shoot and Drug Awareness Chairman.

## Summer Camp registration begins in Palos Hills

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is taking registration for Summer Camps. All camps run from June 18 to August 3. The full day camp for ages

6-14 is Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-2:45 pm. The Half Day Camp for 6-14 year olds is Monday-Friday, 9:00-11:30 am or 12:15-2:45 pm. Tot Camp is for ages 3-5 and runs 9:00 am -11:30 am or 12:30pm-3:00 pm Monday-Friday. Tot Camp will also offer 2 and 3 day options. To ensure a spot in Camp, register now at the Palos Hills Park Department at 8455 W. 103rd. Street. For information stop by the office for a brochure, or call 430-4500.

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## O'Malley bill addresses blocked railroad crossings

For the fourth year in a row, the Illinois Senate has approved legislation sponsored by State Senator Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park) that addresses the problems of chronically blocked railroad crossings in Illinois.

"Trains are an integral part of our state's history and our economy," O'Malley said. "Railroad congestion has increased dramatically and in the process of the health and safety of our communities are being seriously diminished. We are trying to find a balance between the increased train traffic and the resulting disruption to local businesses, the quality of life issues and major safety questions that arise when these trains regularly block railroad crossings for long periods of time."

Approved April 4, Senate Bill 531 allows the Illinois Commerce Commission, after investigation, to refer their findings to the local state's attorney's office for prosecution. The penalties for obstructing the grade crossings increase from a petty offense and fines to a misdemeanor offense with jail time. The jail time would apply only to railroad company executives, not rail-yard employees.

Senate Bill 531 also increases Illinois Commerce Commission authority to order the installation of any type of remote control track switch, technical or opera-

tional improvement, or any other actions it deems necessary to reduce the occupancy of crossings by trains and increase public safety.

The penalties for blocking grade crossings are currently those for a petty offense, with fines ranging from \$200 to more than \$1,000 depending on the length of time the crossing is blocked. With Senate Bill 531, the penalties increase to a Class C misdemeanor for the first offense, which could mean up to 30 days in jail, up to one year of probation and a fine of up to \$1,000. A second or subsequent offense is a Class B misdemeanor, which could mean up to six months in jail, up to one year of probation, and a fine of triple the amount fined for the first offense.

Senate Bill 531 now moves to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

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## Sheriff's Officers receive G.R.E.A.T. Certificate

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan (center) and Executive Director Carmelita Wagner (left) congratulate Deputy Sheriff Katie Lyons of Evergreen Park on her G.R.E.A.T. certification at a recent graduation ceremony.

## National Day of Prayer

The annual local observance of the National Day of Prayer (NDP) will be held at 12 noon on Thursday, May 3, 2001 at the Palos Heights City Hall, 7607 W. College Drive, Palos Heights. All area residents are cordially invited to attend this inspirational event which will feature prayers for local, state and national public officials led by area clergy, special music, and student presentations from St. Alexander's Catholic School, Chicago Christian High School, and the Stone Church Christian Academy. Light refreshments will follow the observance.

Officially, the National Day of Prayer was established as an annual

event by an act of Congress in 1952 and was signed into law by President Truman, commemoration of its 50th Anniversary. He has written a special "Prayer for the Nations" which will be read at this year's ceremony.

Local National Day of Prayer Coordinator, Karen Hayes, who also serves as State Director of Concerned Women for America, noted the importance and blessing of coming together to pray for our nation, our state, our community, and our families. "We hope that this event will also inspire many people to pray for our public officials throughout this year," she said. This year's National Day of Prayer observance theme is: "One Nation Under God."

## Sheriff's Officers teach G.R.E.A.T. Program to students

G.R.E.A.T., Gang Resistance Education And Training, is a highly acclaimed national program which puts specially trained Sheriff's officers in the classroom to teach junior high and middle school students about the consequences of gang affiliation.

This program is designed to continue where the D.A.R.E. program ends by giving the students the tools they need to avoid gang involvement and develop them into responsible members of the community. It teaches the students how to set goals for themselves, resist peer pressure, resolve conflicts in a non-violent manner and understand how gang involvement can negatively impact their quality of life.

Officers participated in a week long, 40 hour training program co-sponsored by the Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. To qualify to attend this G.R.E.A.T. training, officers must be certified in a gang/drug prevention program, such as D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). Certified officers from the Cook County Sheriff's Office teach the G.R.E.A.T. program in local schools. Originally developed by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, G.R.E.A.T. has been taught locally by the Cook County Sheriff's Office since 1996.

"Law enforcement officials and educators must work together to convince children of the dangers of gang involvement," Sheriff Sheahan said. "By working in classrooms directly with students throughout their education, our officers are making a tremendous impact."

## Oak Lawn Business and Professional Women's Group

Elizabeth Karczynski, a naturalist with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County's River Trail Nature Center in Northbrook, will speak before the Oak Lawn Business and Professional Women's Group, Wednesday, May 2 at 8:00 pm, following a 7:00 pm dinner at Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. Oak Lawn.

Gaile Sprissler, coordinator, announced that Liz will share her expertise on conservation education, expounding on the Nature Centers within the Forest Preserves and what they have to offer.

Karczynski is a 1998 graduate from Northern Illinois University with a bachelor of science degree in biology and journalism. She has contributed stories and articles to the Chicago Tribune, Daily Southtown and Midwest Outdoors Magazine.

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## Beverly Theatre Guild to present The Philadelphia Story

The Beverly Theatre Guild will present the classic romantic comedy, "The Philadelphia Story" by Phillip Barry, to be presented at the Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th Street, Chicago, Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28 at 8:00 pm, and Sunday, April 29 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$14 per adult, \$12 per senior citizen or student, with group rates available, call 312-409-2705.

Katherine Hepburn, popularized the role of the lead character in the story, Tracy Lord, on stage and then in the Oscar winning movie, which was recently chosen by the American Film Institute as one of the 100 greatest films, ranked at 51. Currently, a new stage production will take place in May, when Calista Flockhart will make her debut as Tracy in London.

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## Calendar for Museum of Science and Industry

New admission prices are effective May 1: Adults are \$9, Senior Citizens are \$7.50, and Children are \$5.

Chicago residents receive a discount on admission prices. Resident discount prices are \$8 for adults, \$6.75 for senior citizens and \$4.25 for children.

The Museum of Science and Industry is one of the country's preeminent centers for informal science and technology education. Located at 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive, just minutes from downtown Chicago, the Museum is open every day of the year except Christmas Day, from 9:30 am until 4:00 pm Monday through Friday and 9:30 am until 5:30 pm on weekends and holidays. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, Museum hours are 9:30 am to 5:30 pm everyday. For more information, call 773-684-1414 or visit our website at [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org).

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Fun Filled Summer Events:

*Latino Horizons* - May 1-31. The Museum of Science and Industry celebrates the vibrant palette of Latin art, music, poetry, dancing and festivals with Latino Horizons, now in its 28th year. Latino artists display their own drawings, paintings, photography, original prints, ceramics, sculpture, textiles, and more in the revival of the Latino Juried Art Exhibition. Accompanying the art exhibit are weekday and weekend performances by Caribbean, Latin American, Spanish and Puerto Rican talents such as Grupo Cultural Monja Blanca, Taino Dance, Oxib Kauau, Cuerdas Clasicas, Tropical Harmony and The Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago.

*Latino Horizons* Events:  
*Saturday, May 5* - Rodgelio Olguin, Ana Juado, and Luis Montenegro, Poetry, Music and Song; Latin America; 2:30 pm, Little Theater. Grupo Cultural Monja Blanca, Music and Dance of Guatemala; 3:30 pm, Little Theater.

*Sunday, May 6* - Tarpuy,

Music of the Andes; 2:30 pm and Auditorium. Renacer Boliviano, Dances of Bolivia; 3:30 pm, Auditorium.

*Saturday, May 12* - Lasting Impressions, An Afternoon Festival in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean; 2:00 pm, Auditorium. Yuba Drummers and Dancers, Afternoon Festival in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean; 2:50 pm, Auditorium. Taino Dance Troupe, an Afternoon Festival in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean; 3:40 pm.

Special Packages:

City Pass - Visit six of Chicago's greatest cultural attractions with the City Pass ticket booklet. City Pass booklets include admission to the Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum, The Art Institute of Chicago, The Field Museum, Museum of Science and Industry, Shedd Aquarium and the Sears Tower Skydeck -- a value of \$61.00 offered at half the price! City Pass booklets are available for purchase at all six participating attractions; adults for \$30.60, children (ages 3-11) for \$22.75 and seniors (ages 65 or older) for \$25.00. Booklets are valid nine days after a City Pass ticket is presented at the first attraction.

Volunteers Needed:

Would you like to hit a

volleyball? Compete in a track race against champion runners? Navigate a rock climbing wall or kick a soccer ball? Now that we have your attention, the Museum of Science and Industry is looking for volunteers to help out this summer in the exciting Science of Sport exhibit.

Volunteers should be available two (or more) days per month from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Volunteers must be able to interact comfortably and pleasantly with guests, maintain a courteous, friendly and enthusiastic manner and be able to communicate clearly. If you want to be part of this summer's line up, call Penny Aulston at 773-684-9844 ext. 2422 and request an application.

## Crafters and Artists wanted

Crafters and artists are wanted for the eighth annual outdoor "Arts and Craft Festival" being held at St. Michael's Church, 7313 Waukegan Road, Niles. The fair is being held on Saturday, July 14, 2001 from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. The entry fee is \$25.00. Call 773-685-7785 for more information and a registration form.



## Oak Lawn High School presents Grease

Oak Lawn Community High School will present the 1950's rock and roll musical "Grease" on Thursday, May 3, 2001, Friday, May 4, 2001, and Saturday, May 5, 2001 at 7:30 pm in the Auditorium Gym.

Directed by Tom Dzurison and produced by Barbara Mateer, this wonderful show has a large, talented cast of student actors. They are: Jeff Andersen, Steve Berryman, Jason Cascio, Nicole Cassidy, Brian Caster, Ricci Cisko, Christina Cucci, Tina Dercencius, Bridget DeSchaaf, Deanne Dreschler, Dan Echavarria, Brandie Engel, Jessica Exline, Liz Figus, Josh Gentile, Sarah Goldrick, Guinevere Grana, Bryan Grant, Lucie Groh, Virginie Guillet, Nicole Heinisch, Megan Hincks, Bill Jerry, Dorie Koll, Caleb Kosek, Rachel Kozlowski, Bridget Lajeunesse, Nicole Lassandrello, Scott Liepart, Justin Lopez, Bill Lovecky, Melanie Mannerino, Claire McGraw, Celine Metzger, Wayne Miller, Katie Modrick, Susan Mueller, Kelley Murphy, Jon Naples, Stacey O'Brien, Ryan O'Conner, Val Olson, Marc Palluck, Katrina Percak, Laura Perez, Steve Peters,

### Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Seniors

George O'Hare, Senior Citizen's Advocate for Maria Pappas, Treasurer of Cook County, will meet before the Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Seniors, Thursday, May 3, at 1:15 pm in the Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Avenue, Oak Lawn.

Elaine Kardosh, coordinator, announced that George, a motivational speaker, will explain the Advocacy of the Treasurer's Office.

"Mr. Accentuate the Positive," George O'Hare, is in his second career. He served as Director of Senior Advocacy for the Illinois Attorney

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Tickets for this production are \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students and senior citizens. A special complimentary senior citizen performance will be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2001 at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium Gym. For further information, please call the school at 708-424-5200 ext. 7731.

## Military News

Marine Corps Private Ruben Marinclarena, son of Elisa Marinclarena of Evergreen Park, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina. Marinclarena is a 1998 graduate of Evergreen Park Community High School.

Marine Corps Private Nicholas R. Ontiveros, son of Sandra K. and David K. Ontiveros of 6510 W. 64th Street, Chicago, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Ontiveros is a 2000 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School of Chicago.

General's Office under Neil Hartigan, and later as the Chief of The Speakers Bureau for Attorney General Roland Burris, after 34 years of dedicated service at Sears Roebuck and Company in the Merchandising and Sales Division. He has his own t.v. program on Chicago Access Cable Channel 19. Inducted into the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame in 1991, Mr. George O'Hare is one of Chicago's most sought after speakers and truly enjoys what he is doing.



## Wear-House Outlet donates clothes to Little Company of Mary Hospital

Frank Zawaski and Bill Hunt, owners of the Wear-House Outlet, 2805 1/2 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park, presented a donation of clothes to Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers recently. The clothes will be used by Emergency Room patients, who often need new clothes after they are admitted. The gift is greatly appreciated and will be of benefit to members of the community who may come to the Emergency Room of the Hospital, located at 2800 W. 95th Street in Evergreen Park. Pictured are, from left: Bill Hunt, Frank Zawaski, Wendy Drynan, Associate Director of Little Company Foundation Services, and Kevin Hunt.

## Heritage Theatre Auditions

Auditions for A Midsummer Night's Dream, Heritage Theatre Company's fifth annual outdoor Shakespeare production, will be held Friday, May 4 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm and Saturday, May 5 from 3:00 - 6:00 pm at Lewis University's Philip Lynch Theatre.

In preparation, auditionees should memorize 12 lines from any Shakespeare play, wear comfortable clothes to move in, and should be prepared to read from the script. Casting is for actors 15 years and older. Rehearsals are scheduled to begin May 8. Performances are scheduled for June 14-16 and June 21-23. The classic Shakespeare summer romp is being directed by Lewis University alumnus, Ernest W. Ray, '93.

The Philip Lynch Theatre is located on the main campus of Lewis University on Route 53 in Romeoville. For more information, call Jo Slowik at 815-836-5409.

## Little Company to host Wellness Event for men

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers will host its 15th annual Men's Wellness Event on Saturday, June 16 from 7:30 until 11:30 am in its Cafe 95. The event will feature a presentation on Your Healthy Kidney by Kent F. W. Armbruster, M.D.

Lab tests such as comprehensive blood testing (actual value of health services \$350), blood oxygen levels, and other screenings will be available and participants will receive a colon rectal cancer detection kit. There is a \$45 fee for this event, and reservations are required by June 8. Breakfast will be served.

For more information or to make a reservation, please call 708-499-1894. Space is limited.

## LHSS New Principal

Luther High School South's Board of Directors recently completed its search for a new principal and it is pleased to announce that Mr. Anthony Rainey has accepted a call to be principal of Luther High School South commencing on July 1, 2001 for the 2001-2002 school year. During this past year he has served as interim principal.

Mr. Rainey graduated from Illinois Benedictine University with a degree in education with a physical education major and went on to receive a degree in religious studies from Concordia College in River Forest, Illinois. He completed his Master's Degree in School Administration from Chicago State University. Mr. Rainey has been involved in Lutheran education for 24 years beginning with his first teaching position at St. Paul Lutheran School on Dorchester. At St. Paul he taught at the elementary level and was also the Athletic Director for St. Paul.

Mr. Rainey has served at Luther South for 24 years teaching and coaching. He was the Illinois Cross Country and Track and Field Coach of the year for 1991 and 1997. He was the Illinois Football Coach of the year for 1989 and 1990. He was

the Illinois Basketball Coach of the year for 1989 and 1990. His boys track team has won state championships in 1991 and 1997 with numerous runner ups in other years. His girls track team won the state championship in 1986 with numerous runner ups in other years. He was also the District Athletic Director of the year for Illinois in 2000. He also serves on various committees throughout the state for the Illinois High School Association.

Mr. Rainey has taught Physical Education, Health and Theology. He has also been the Dean of Students, Athletic Director and Assistant Principal. He is presently the principal of Luther High School South. Luther South is the largest African American Lutheran High School in the country with 99% of its graduates attending college.

Mr. Rainey has been awarded the Chicagoland Lutheran Educators Foundation Teacher of the Year Award for Excellence in teaching, the Golden Apple Teacher of the Year Award from St. Paul Lutheran School. Mr. Rainey lives in Chicago with his wife Vivian and two daughters, Dione and Anna. Dione is also a teacher and Anna is a senior at Lutheran High School South.

## Southside Garden Club's calendar of events

The mission of the Southside Garden Novices to promote gardening in our community by sharing our talents, time and our resources. We work toward developing community pride, environmental awareness and a love for gardening.

May 8: Jack Pizzo: Using Native Plants in Your Landscape.

June 12: Nina Koziol: Perennials and Grasses.

July 10: Jeanine Gauen: Attracting Hummingbirds to

### Your Backyard.

Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of gardening tips, stimulating conversation and friendship. The Southside Garden Novices meet every second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm, at the Chicago Ridge Village Hall, 10425-55 S. Ridgeland Avenue, Chicago Ridge. (Please use east/back entrance.) \$2.00 cover charge for non members.



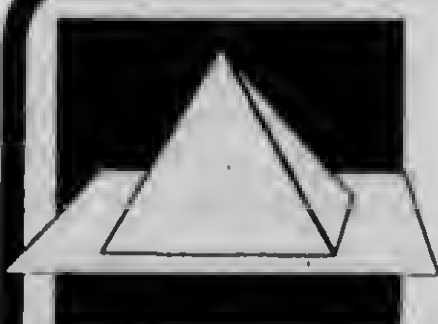
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## The Fireside presents Driving Miss Daisy

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When the elderly Miss Daisy wrecks her new car while backing out of the driveway, her son decides it's time for her to stop driving and hires a chauffeur. For the next twenty years these two strong willed individuals face the bumpy roads of prejudice, fear of aging, and loss of independence forging out

a deep and lasting bond of friendship. This story has won awards on Broadway and in Hollywood including Oscar for Best Picture of the Year.

Directed by Ed Flesch, the production will feature Eve Johnson as Miss Daisy, Herbert Mark Parker as Hoke, and Neal Arluck as Boolie. The set design is by Rick Rasmussen with lighting by Joseph Buberger, Jr. and costumes by Robin Buerger.

The Fireside is located on

Business Hwy. 26 on the southside of Fort Atkinson and includes several gift shoppes with an extensive selection of unique merchandise including many popular collectible lines and gifts for all ages and occasions.

*Driving Miss Daisy* will be performed nine times weekly Wednesday through Sunday. Dining is required for all performances with a variety of menu choices depending upon when you attend. For tickets or additional information, call 1-800-477-9505, write to The Fireside at P.O. Box 7, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538, or check out the Website at [www.firesidetheatre.com](http://www.firesidetheatre.com)

## Register now for summer classes at Moraine Valley

Now is the time to register for summer semester classes at Moraine Valley Community College.

The college will offer a three week pre-session beginning on Monday, May 21. The eight week session and first four week session will begin Monday, June 11, and the second four week session will begin on Monday, July 9.

Registration will run through the first day of classes. Classes are \$49 per credit hour plus fees and books. Many noncredit classes also will be offered, although their fees vary.

Moraine Valley offers credit classes for students who attend four year colleges and universities as well as for students who are interested in transferring to four year schools, earning an associate's degree or career program certificate, and updating or learning new skills. The college also offers many noncredit programs, courses, workshops and seminars.

Transfer programs are available for those students who plan to transfer to four year colleges or universities after graduating from Moraine Valley. Students can earn Associate in Arts, Associate in Fine Arts, or Associate in Science degrees.

Students also can choose from the many career programs offered at the college. Students can earn Associate in Applied Science degrees and certificates in many Allied Health and Nursing, Business, Industrial Technology, and Public Service areas.

Moraine Valley has established guidelines to guarantee the transferability of course credits to other colleges and universities and to guarantee the technical skill competencies expected by employers.

Some of the college's courses are offered in different formats to accommodate the needs of students. Virtual College classes give students the opportunity to take classes via the Internet. Students discuss class material, interact with their instructor and complete assignments using email, the World Wide Web and other Internet technology.

Directed Study classes combine independent study and limited classroom work. Students meet once a week and devote extra time to homework, library assignments and instructor conferences. Telecourses on videotape offer flexibility and convenience to students by

allowing them to attend limited class meetings, set up their own study hours, and work at their own pace.

Short term classes are designed for those who want to earn college credit quickly as well as for those interested in picking up extra classes once the semester begins. Although these short term classes are shorter in length than regular semester classes (they range in length from three to four weeks), the same amount of material is covered.

Many services are also available to Moraine Valley students, including financial aid, a Children's Learning Center, Academic Advising Center, Counseling and Career Development Center, Job Placement Center, Minority Student Transfer Center, and Center for Disability Services. Tutoring is also available.

Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Avenue, Palos Hills. Students also can register by touch tone phone at 708-974-5400 or by phone with an operator by calling 708-974-2110. Information on all classes is available in the summer 2001 class schedule or online at [www.moraine.cc.il.us](http://www.moraine.cc.il.us).

## Chicago Ridge teamwork of Lexington Health Care Center and the Animal Welfare League

Lexington Health Care Center and The Animal Welfare League have teamed up to help both seniors and animals in Chicago Ridge. While residents and staff of the Health Care Center collect newspapers, bed linens, blankets, and other useful items for the animals, the staff at the League brings animals to visit the seniors for Pet Therapy Sessions.

Heather Silaggi, Resident Support Services Director of the Health Care Center just went through her Volunteer Orientation at the League. "Heather is now an advocate for both the elderly and animals in Chicago Ridge," says Lexington's Administrator, Lynn Cecconi.

Age, size and personality of the dogs, cats, puppies and kittens are all taken into consideration. "We also bear in mind that animals who are shy or scared need the socialization as well as the older folks need the company," explains Joseph Brannigan, Volunteer Coordinator at the League who has become expert in judging exactly what personalities to look for when selecting animals to visit seniors.

Any witness of a Pet Therapy program in action knows it's positive effects on

people. "It's all pretty clear as you watch our seniors pet, fondle, and caress another sentient being who so needs the affection," says Cecconi. "There's no question that it lowers anxiety, stress levels and maybe even lowers our blood pressure. They put a smile on our faces," she says, and that is clearly antidepressant medication in and of itself."

Linda Estrada is President of the non profit Animals Welfare League, established in 1935. "Lexington's staff and residents have been fabulous in donating items to make life more comfortable for our animals. We need every bit of help we can get," she says. "Lexington sure has dug their heels in and supported us in so many ways over the years."

Getting donated items to the League and the animals to Lexington is convenient at both ends since the League, at 10305 Southwest Highway, is directly across the

street from Lexington. If you can spare some time and love to volunteer at the facility, or to be a foster parent for a sick or young animal until it is well or old enough to be adopted, please call 708-636-8586. "It's very, very difficult for me to see the unwanted animals waiting for good homes," admits Silaggi. "I want to take them all home with me. They're innocent victims of those who fail to spay and neuter their dogs and cats to decrease overpopulation." Estrada understands completely and responds: "So many people say that they love animals, but it's so hard for them to be here. I say, if you love animals, how can you NOT be here."

Now in her position at Lexington, and after her training as a Volunteer at Animal Welfare League, Heather Silaggi says, "I'll do my best to make the animals comfortable and adoptable." The animal lover adds, "Our seniors will help me."



During her Volunteer Training Orientation, Heather Silaggi (left) of Lexington Health Care Center in Chicago Ridge gets some tips on volunteering from 16 year old Alina Sziler who has been a volunteer for The Animal Welfare League for three years.

## The Cancer Center offers free programs

The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers offers three free, ongoing programs to help cancer patients cope with their disease. All three programs are offered at The Cancer Center, 2800 W. 95th Street, in Evergreen Park.

**Cancer Support Group:** This support group for patients who are undergoing or have completed cancer treatment meets on the third Thursday of the month from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. It is an opportunity to share experiences with those who have been there, to help in making choices and to find understanding.

**Look Good...Feel Better:** This monthly make-up demonstration featuring Lin Schwartzkopf, Esthetician, helps patients apply make-up, manage hair and wigs and control other changes in appearance brought about by cancer treatment. Each participant receives her own

sample bag of make-up. The evening, which is held on the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30 to 6:30 pm, also includes dinner and nutrition tips presented by a dietitian.

**Pienie in the Park:** This educational series is designed to help cancer patients participate in their own recovery by exploring options to enhance their well being. Topics include "What is Cancer?," "The Side Effects of Treatment," "Stress and Relaxation Management," "Spirituality," "Nutrition," "Guided Imagery," and "Information on Herbs." The series meets every Tuesday

from noon to 1:00 pm, and includes a picnic lunch. The program begins every eight weeks, with new topics every series.

Additional programs in education, exercise, relaxation techniques, art therapy and music therapy are also offered. All programs take place in room M1 on the ground floor of The Cancer Center. Free valet parking is available at the entrance on California Avenue at 95th Street. For reservations or other information, call 708-229-6001.

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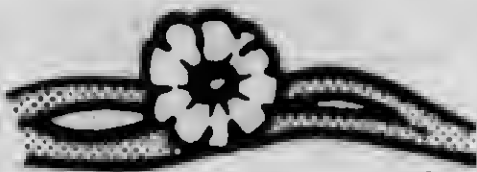
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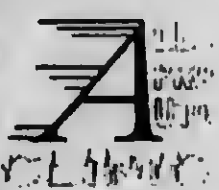


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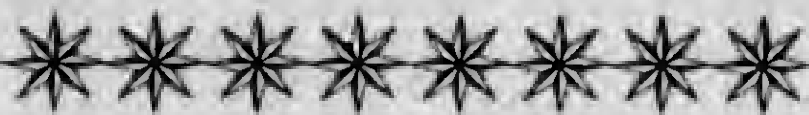
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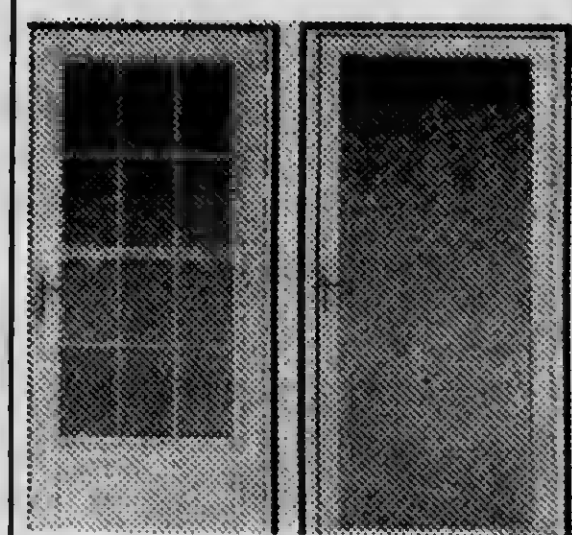
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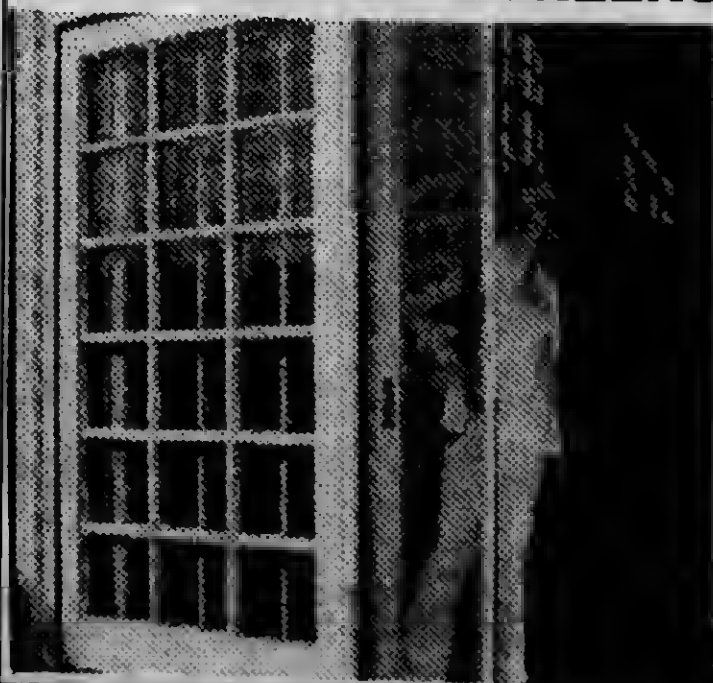
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

## Senate grants parity to mental illnesses

Persons receiving care for mental illness may soon receive the same insurance coverage as those treated for other biologically based diseases under legislation advanced by Senator Christine Radogno.

Senate Bill 1341 seeks parity for mental illness by requiring accident and health insurance policies to cover serious mental illness under the same terms and conditions as other illnesses.

"Senate Bill 1341 will move us in the right direction," said Radogno (R-LaGrange). "We will have some solid experience to go on and this legislation represents meaningful improvement. Currently, insurance policies may pay nothing or half of an office visit."

Under this measure, hospital and medical expenses for schizophrenia, paranoid and other psychotic disorders, bipolar disorders, major depressive compulsive disorders, depression in childhood and adolescence, and panic disorder would receive parity. Currently, these illnesses may not be covered at all and if they are covered, it is usually as little as 50% of the treatment costs with lifetime limits of only \$10,000 falling far short of

coverage for other illnesses.

Other states have successfully provided parity for mental health coverage with little or no experience in premiums. Radogno said that the legislation takes an approach that many states use by requiring coverage for biologically based mental illnesses.

Specifically, Senate Bill 1341 provides coverage under group policies (based upon medical necessity) of up to 45 days of inpatient treatment and 35 visits for outpatient treatment per year, but does not limit lifetime coverage. Mental illnesses would also be covered at the same amount limits, deductibles, co-payments, and co-insurance factors as physical illnesses.

"This legislation attempts to address both the concern for mental health parity and the concern for cost," Radogno said. "It addresses parity by requiring coverage for biologically based mental illnesses and addresses cost by exempting employers with 50 employees or fewer."

Senate Bill 1341 was approved 51-00-06 in the Senate and will now be considered by the House of Representatives.

## The Children's Place

About the company... The Children's Place is a specialty retailer of clothing and accessories for children newborn and to age twelve. The company currently owns and operates 400+ stores in 43 states, with plans for a total of over 500 stores by the end of 2001.

About the merchandise... The Children's Place designs and contracts to manufacture its own lifestyle brand of fashion forward clothing and accessories, delivering comparable high quality products at 20-30% below most of its direct competitors. With a clearly identifiable look, and fresh, fashionable merchandise, The Children's Place has broad customer appeal across all socioeconomic groups, regardless of budget or lifestyle. At The Children's Place, quality + price = value.

About the stores... The Children's Place store environment is pleasing and friendly, with bright, airy spaces that allow the merchandise to speak for itself. Total coordination and visual display make shopping easy. Clothes and accessories are conveniently arranged in separate departments: for boys, size 4 to 14; girls, 4 to 14; toddlers, 3 to 36 months; and newborns, 0 to 12 months. Of course, all registers are easy access.

About the service... What's most important to The Children's Place is keeping customers happy. Through its knowledgeable sales associates, The Children's Place provides the best in customer service and ease of shopping. The company's flexible return policy allows Children's Place customers to shop risk free. A toll free customer service number, 1-877-PLACE-USA, answers specific customer queries or directs customers to the nearest store location.



Oak Lawn residents Joe and La Verne DePaul White, Women Center of Greater Chicago. White Eagle Restaurant, Niles, Illinois, Sunday, February 11, 2001.

## Outstanding award presented to a woman from Italian American Club

The Southside Italian American Women's Club proudly announces that our member LaVerne DePaul White was presented a "Life Award" on Sunday, February 11th by the Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland at the 2001 Life Banquet.

This award was given for La Verne's extraordinary services to Unborn Babies and their Mothers as a Volunteer Crisis Intervention Counselor for the past

eight years at the Evergreen Center.

In 1984 the Women's Center was founded to serve as a specialized crisis pregnancy resources for women, teens, and families. Over the past 16 years the Centers has served over 50,000 teens, women and families.

Each client can be assured of experience and network of referral resources to the decision making process. The greatest concern has always

been for the physical and emotional well being of the client as displayed by compassion and understanding as she needs to make a well informed decision.

With a yearly budget of \$1.3 million the main stay funding comes from sacrificial pledges of at least \$1,000 a year, direct mail appeals, a flower sale on Mothers' Day in 100 parishes, walk-a-thon, Christmas wreath sales, and other fund raisers but no government funding.

## Illinois Equal Justice Foundation announces First Grants

Residents throughout the state Illinois will benefit from expanded access to legal information, advice and assistance through recently awarded grants by the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation. The Foundation awarded \$476,660 through an appropriation from the Illinois Department of Human Services.

The Foundation gave grants to 14 not for profit organizations in four categories, as set forth in the 1999 legislation, the Illinois Equal Justice Act. The categories for grants were: Legal Information for the Public; Telephone Advice and Referral Services; Mediation Services; and Civil Legal Assistance.

Governor Ryan, whose support was crucial in pass-

ing the Illinois Equal Justice Act, remarked in his February 2000 State of the State Address that the Act is "a cornerstone piece of legislation for the legal assistance community." The Act sets forth a wide range of innovative, cost effective initiatives to help people understand the legal system and resolve their routine legal problems more effectively.

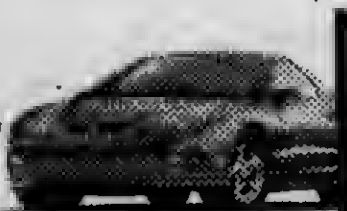
"There are a surprisingly large number of people across the state who are unable to access our legal system through its traditional avenues," said Michael A. Pope, Illinois Equal Justice Fund President and a partner at McDermott, Will & Emery in Chicago. In order to reach the largest number of people, the grants fund

projects such as legal telephone hotlines for immediate advice and referrals; self help legal desks in court houses for guidance on simple legal matters; and dispute resolution centers for speedy and less expensive alternatives to litigation.

"The assistance provided by these grants and through these agencies impacts the lives of countless Illinois residents," said Linda Renee Baker, Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Service. "The Department is pleased to include the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation and its grantees among our community partners."

The organizations and their projects receiving the grants are listed on the attached page.

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## Chicago's Park West Theatre presents "And Then There Was Bea"

Jam Thcatricals presents the national pre-Broadway debut of "And Then There Was Bea, With Her Friend Billy Goldenberg at the Piano," starring Tony and Emmy Award Winning actor/comedian Bea Arthur. The exclusive engagement will play the Park West, 322 W.

Armitage, Tuesday, May 22 through Thursday, May 31. The 23 city national tour is en route to a Spring 2002 opening in New York.

Tickets for the limited engagement of "And Then There Was Bea" are on sale now. Ticket prices start at \$30 and are available at all Ticketmaster outlets, through ticketmaster.com, charge by phone at 312-902-1500, or at the Park West Box Office, 322 W. Armitage, open Monday through Friday from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Private booth seating is available for \$55 and can only be reserved by calling 312-951-0080.



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## Chicago Ridge Village Board

by Jude Coyle

Eve Miller of 110th and Sayre presented a petition to the Chicago Ridge Village Board Committee Meeting of April 16th. According to Ms. Miller, 'There is a lot of noise, morning, noon and night.' She referred to the Truck Terminal next store. Finch Berry is the developer, and space is rented by Pensky T&T and Standard Forwarding.

The petition was signed in February by several of the neighbors. It asked that the terminal is closed from 11 pm to 7 am each day.

Earlier attempts to lower noise levels had been addressed. Mayor Siegel asked for a wall. Finch Berry built a wooden fence, but the lower boards were missing. A berm was also built, but more needs to be done.

According to one neighbor, the trucking companies are using some kind of hydraulics, that are so loud, windows rattle in the apartments on Sayre. According to another neighbor, those noises are caused when a tractor and trailer are hitched up, and when the dock plate is struck. Yet another resident explained that she had worked several years at a terminal. She said that docks can be sealed and dock plates can be cushioned, and both measures would lower the decibel level considerably.

Clerk Charles Tokar felt that maybe a border of bushes as well as completing the bottom of the fence would help. He also promised to have Engineer Christopher Burke contact a noise abatement expert. He commented that Finch Berry has always been cooperative in the past, and expects that they will con-

tinue to be in the future.

The Village has received a letter from Waste Management concerning a contract extension on gate fees. Superintendent Jack Lind had reported at an earlier meeting that Waste Management planned to raise their gate fees 20%. That would mean a substantial increase for refuge brought to Waste Management facilities for disposal. According to Lind, the Public Works Department carts off a lot of material.

Fire Chief Randy Grosse asked the Police and Fire Commission to notify the next three candidates on the new hire list. He is currently down two firefighters, and is expecting another to leave soon. Because the individuals who have left or will leave were hired recently, Chief Grosse was asked about reimbursements for training. He assured the Board that all he is losing is time. Recruits are required to repay the cost of their training if they leave before a certain date.

Deputy Police Chief Tim Balderman reported that he had three applications, one for the Police Department and 2 for E.S.D.A. He asked that the Board approve the purchase of a radar gun. They are \$1300 each, and can be purchased through the State purchasing plan. The Department has purchased one already, and although they need four in all, they can make due with two.

Public Works Superintendent Jack Lind has erected a temporary fence about a ditch near S.W.Hwy and I-294. I.D.O.T. recently cleaned out the ditch, bringing it too close to the edge of the walking path beneath the bridge. Lind feels that

this can lead to an accident. He would like to see the sidewalk tied in with the sidewalk on Oak Park, but has run into difficulty once before trying to locate the owner of the property. He plans to consult Engineer Chris Burke about this.

Also, Lind reports that the tree removal service the Village is currently using is raising their prices. He plans to go out to bid for those services.

Crowley Shephard will complete street work the second week in May. Once it warms up, Superintendent Lind plans to begin striping the street. Because the Village has just recently bought a new striper, he plans to have employees practise in parking lots.

## Chicago Ridge Police makes plans for the warm weather

by Jude Coyle

Summer preparations have placed two items uppermost in the mind of Deputy Police Chief Tim Balderman of Chicago Ridge. The subject of scooters is touchy. The other item is the restructuring of E.S.D.A.

"Parents call all the time," Balderman explained, "Asking about whether they should buy their kids motorized scooters as graduation presents. I can't tell them what they can or can't buy. But I can tell them that we don't recommend scooters."

According to Deputy Chief Balderman, they're not safe. Members of the Chicago Ridge Village Board of Trustees agree. Kids get hurt, they can't

stop, and drivers don't see them. Unmotorized scooters present another danger because now the telltale engine noise is missing.

A new ordinance prohibits the use of motorized scooters on public property. During the warmer months, the Chicago Ridge Police will be looking to put teeth into the ordinance. If it becomes necessary, police officers will confiscate scooters, contact parents, and at a later date, return the scooters to parents.

"This is a difficult situation," Balderman explained. "When citing an adult or a student with a driver's license, you write a ticket, and you go to court. With children en-

forcement becomes problematic."

The subject of using scooters on private property or even at the Mall arose at the April 16 Committee Meeting. Trustee Maureen Socha told of how she was nearly knocked over when shopping at the Mall. Two boys rode their scooters between racks of clothing in a department store.

Deputy Chief Balderman replied that the Mall is private property, and is responsible for making and enforcing their own rules. Allowing kids to ride scooters in the Mall is something they have to decide on. As a side note, Deputy Chief Balderman assured the Board that Mall security has always had a good working relationship with the Police Department.

On the other subject, Deputy Chief Balderman explained that he had two applications for the Emergency Services Disaster Agency. Interviews have been conducted, and background checks have been made. "With two new people, we will have eight or 9 new people,"

Balderman said. Current plans call for ten.

"We are basically rebuilding E.S.D.A.," Balderman explained. This includes not only restaffing, but also purchasing necessary equipment like a weather radar.

E.S.D.A. is a State and County trained volunteer organization, that has recently become an important operating arm of nearly every city and village in the area. Think of the men and women in bright orange vests, that direct traffic or crowds through the various festivals in surrounding towns.

E.S.D.A. is used for disaster relief, emergency evacuations, monitoring weather patterns, as well as any number of other duties. "If we were to have a train derailment, or a tornado touchdown," Balderman explained, "E.S.D.A. would be there." He told of one episode during RidgeFest, an approaching storm threatened to close the festival early. E.S.D.A. volunteers used radar to track it. They were ready, if necessary, to evacuate the area if the storm hit. Thankfully it didn't.



## Ribbon cutting on Chicago Ridge Steak House

Gina & Carl Courtright, Mayor Siegel, and Juan & Peggy Zavala celebrate the Grand Opening of Jenny's Steak House, 11041 S. Menard Ave., Chicago Ridge.



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## Evergreen Park Village Board Meeting

by Jude Coyle

Judge Tom Carmondy swore in new Mayor James Sexton, Clerk Catherine Aparo, Trustees Jerome Bosch, Carol Kyle and Mark Phelan on May 7, at the Evergreen Park Village Board Meeting. Mayor Sexton expressed his disappointment that retiring Mayor Anthony Vacco was not able to attend. He was rehabbing after a recent medical procedure. Mayor Sexton used the opportunity to recognize retiring Trustee Anthony Yukich, thanking Yukich for his support and for his many years of service to the Village.

Mayor Sexton kicked off his first term with the announcement that the Zoning Board of Appeals would hear a case for the construction of seven new homes at 8700 S. Rockwell. Recommendations would be made at the next Board Meeting.

The Police Department will step up their watch in parks on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the summer. Also, the Police Department will have their only fundraiser during the year on Wednesday, May 16th. It will take place at the Martingue, and tickets are \$20 each. Residents should be aware that any phone calls asking for money for donations to the Evergreen Park Police Department for any other occasion are fraudulent.

The Board approved the following business regulation certificates. Af-

finity Group International is a food brokerage company. They are located at 3512 W. 95th Street. Legacy Consultants, Inc. at 9730 S. Western is a CPA firm. The certificate for Moonlight Cafe at 2507 W. 95th Street was tabled at the last meeting. This is a restaurant to be located in the old Denny's. The certificate was approved pending the successful completion of all inspections, and the payment of an outstanding water bill left from the last occupant.

Ordinance No. 8-2001, allows for a height variation for the construction of a wireless telecommunication facility at Evergreen Plaza. The tower will rise to 41 feet, which is six feet above code. It will be placed on the Evergreen Plaza sign on the corner of 95th and Western.

Ordinance No. 9-2001 creates the position of Intergovernmental and Community Relations Advisor. This individual will act as liaison between the Village and other communities, other levels of government, including State and County, residents, businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, and as instructed by the Mayor. This will be a part time position. Mayor Sexton hopes to be able to appoint this individual by the next Board Meeting.

Queen of Martyrs has scheduled Martyr Fest on July 6, 7 and 8.

Engineer

Robert

Boehm reported that bids were opened on 4/27 for the 91st Street Project. Opening took place in Springfield. Gallagher Asphalt was awarded the project for \$847,600. This is over the initial estimate. A Federal matching grant will provide 70% of the cost. The Village will still pick up the remaining 30%, but this will cost approximately \$12,000 more than planned. The preconstruction meeting is scheduled for May 31. Mr. Boehm expressed hope that the project will be wrapped up about the middle of October. 91st Street will have to be closed during construction.

Clerk Cathy Aparo opened bids for the roof replacement of old fire station 2. The Village Board approved the bid from Kevin and Sons for \$24,617.51. They also approved a bid for a new stump grinder from Premier Midwest for \$24,895.

Village Clerk Aparo asked approval for the purchase of software and hardware. This will complete the final phase of the web site project.

Public Works Superintendent Bill Lorenz plans to ask for a rebid for a new asphalt roller.

## Oak Lawn Garden Club holds meeting

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its' annual meeting on Thursday, May 24th at 4625 W. 110th Street at 9:15 a.m. There will be a plant exchange. Please label plants with their requirements for shade or sun. Hostesses will be Eleanor Litto, Virginia Hilkens, Christine Warzecha, and Helen Wolf. The Garden Club is offer-



The Evergreen Park Lions Club held a recent meeting and dinner, with a presentation highlighting new innovations in cancer diagnosis and treatment, at the Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Center's new Cancer Center. Shown left to right; Stan Ubanczyk, John Brazalle, Harry Onderwater, Terry Sumners, Rich Naylor, Patricia Murphy, R.N., Don Sisto and Gil Drucker.

## Cancer center presentation at Lion's Club meeting

The Evergreen Park Lions Club held a recent meeting and dinner, with a presentation highlighting new innovations in cancer diagnosis and treatment, at the Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Center's new Cancer Center.

The Lion's Club, recognized worldwide for their services for the blind and visually impaired, was given a presentation on cancer diagnosis and treatment by the Cancer Center's Director, Patricia Murphy, R.N., and a tour of the new facilities-including a state-of-the-art linear accelerator and simulators for use in radiation therapy; eight private, sunlit chemotherapy bays; a community resource library; and serenity room.

The Center, through an affiliation with the medical Oncology Group of the University of Chicago Hospitals, was built after an assessment of the community's health status revealed cancer to be one of the two top leading causes of death in Evergreen Park.

## "Evita" at the Oak Lawn Park District

Tickets are on sale now for the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's revival of the musical "Evita". The musical tells the story of Eva Peron, who was born illegitimate and poor, but went on to become the most powerful woman in Argentina by the age of 27.

Julie Gurrister stars as Eva and Paul Nirchi performs the role of Juan Peron. Gil Oliva will play Che, who narrates

Eva's story.

Performances are scheduled for June 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 at 8 p.m.; and June 3 and 10 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Children's tickets are \$14. Reserve your tickets by phoning the box office at (708) 857-2200.

Other cast members include: Bonnie Johnson, Beatrice Alvarez, Julie and Stephanie Burns, Mark Dillon, Lisa Dedek, Vanessa Eichas, Sarah Fisher, Kaity Fleharty, Freda Humble, Walter Humble, Alexis Jesk, Charlie Looby, Kris Marshall, Amy Myer.





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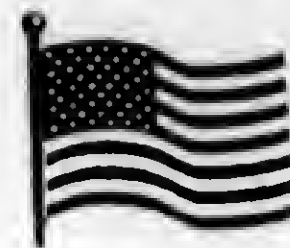
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## Palos Hills City Council Meeting



by Jude Coyle  
Former Alderman Andy Galatte addressed the City Council of Palos Hills on May 3. He pointed out that the 2001/02 Salary Ordinance was to be voted on at this meeting. He then asked why non union employees would receive more than a 4% increase at their next pay raise. Mayor Gerald Bennett replied that this was discussed in closed session. He felt that this merit was well deserved. Mr. Galatte took exception to that, stating that this was based on politics. Alderman Scurek said that

this would bring Palos Hills closer to rest of the world. That to keep and attract good people, the City had to provide good raises.

Attorney George Pappas reported that the scheduled hearing for Palos Pizza would be continued, as there were unsettled criminal matters to attend to yet. If not rescheduled, Fifth Amendment issues would be created.

Alderman Scurek presented the revised budget to the Council. This includes a standard 3% increase. According to Al-

derman Scurek, the City budget has increased by approximately 3% each year for the past 20 years, and that each year ends within budget.

Salary ordinance 2001-05 was brought up for a vote. It passed with only Alderman Cisarek voting against it.

Alderman Pasek's quote for the day: 'In life learn from the mistakes of others. There's not enough time to make them yourself.'



## Bridgeview police make-- pizza bust?

By: F.J. Soczek

Dinnertime conversation overheard at the home of a Chicago police officer.

"Hi, hon How was your day?"

"Quieter than usual. One murder, two drug busts and an armed robbery of a package liquor store. What's for dinner?"

A similar conversation at the home of a Bridgeview law enforcement officer.

"Hi, dear How was your day?"

"Big bust went down at the World Golf Dome things are O K now."

"Drugs?"

"Uh, no."

"Controlled substance?"

"I suppose you could call it a substance. Busted a group of handicapped kids."

"Handicapped gang-bangers?"

"No, just a group on an outing from the AERO School."

"Caught 'em red handed."

"Eating pizza inside the dome."

"Slapped the owner of the joint with a big fine..."

"That'll teach 'em some respect for the law."

"My Hero!"

And so it occurred. An actual crime as experienced by an officer of the law sworn to preserve and protect the public health and safety in the good Village of Bridgeview.

On April 27, 2001 Village of Bridgeview Building Commissioner John Curry, accompanied by a uniformed police officer, personally responded to a "tip" that food was being served at the World Golf Dome, 8900 S. 77th Ave.

Curry issued a citation and a \$750.00 fine to business owner John Laflamboy.

According to Golf Dome employee Dorothy Loos, (who recently ran for public office in Bridgeview) "Commissioner Curry approached a group of approximately 30 handicapped children having a field trip to the Golf Dome and started bullying them and yelling at them...telling them they were not allowed to eat food inside the Dome."

"The children were startled, as were the adults chaperoning them," Loos recalled.

Golf Dome owner John Laflamboy related what he considered the unprofessional handling of the situation. "He (Curry) could have discussed the matter with me privately, instead of making a scene in front of the kids."

The nature of the "violation" as documented on the citation reads "No valid permit. Serving food." Loos stated neither she nor her staff ordered or sold the

pizza.

"They ordered the pizza from Patsby's, who gave them a break on the price," an exasperated Laflamboy explained.

"We also gave them a discount on the cost of their outing...And this is the break I get."

Recently, according to Laflamboy, a similar "raid" was conducted to by Village officials at the Golf Dome.

"Seems four doctors were taking a morning break at the Dome," Laflamboy explained, "And enjoyed doughnuts with their orange juice."

Although no tickets were issued at that time, clearly it was a situation which would upset the sensibilities of any self-respecting civil servant.

Unfortunately, it is not known at this point whether the offending pastries contained jelly or custard.

Bridgeview Building Commissioner John Curry stated Laflamboy does not currently have a proper business license because of "insufficient parking."

Curry stressed the Golf Dome has received many violations in the past. "He

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Village View and Staff,

Thank you so much for your endorsement in the special election issue. My special thanks to your staff reporter, Frank Soczek, for the wonderful articles about me.

I am proud of my effort to run, but disappointed in my effort to win. My opponent didn't win the election, I lost it.

I didn't think I had to call and remind voters to get out and vote. Consequently, the Oak Lawn machine and voter apathy won.

To all of those who voted for me and put my signs on their lawns, I thank you: we gave them a good run!

I am sorry to all of those who had to endure people coming on to their private property to destroy my signs, but we persevered.

Also, to the Village View, who had their supply of newspapers thrown out of the Village Hall, I am sorry. I guess they were afraid of the written truth.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Harker

(Laflamboy) pleaded guilty to a similar offense last month in the 5th District Courthouse...."

Laflamboy acknowledged he did indeed agree to a small fine in order to keep his business open.

The same individuals who had no difficulty "enforcing the law" with a group of hungry handicapped children were apparently nowhere to be found when Bridgeview Mayor Landek held a Christmas party at the very same facility.

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## Office of Citizens' Services news and events

### OCS Annual Spring Party

Make plans to be at the party -- The Annual OCS Spring Party -- Tuesday, June 5, at the Martinique/Drury Lane Theatre in Evergreen Park. Hawaiian theme welcoming Don Ho. Luncheon starts at 12:00 noon, and showtime is at 2:00 pm.

Purchase tickets now at \$45 each at the Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th Street, Evergreen Park.

### Fifty Five Alive Defensive Driving Course

The next AARP "55 Alive" course will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (June 5, 6, and 7) 6:30 to 9:30 pm at the Community Center.

Attendance for all days is required. Early sign up is recommended, as class size is limited. Registration is being taken at Office of Citizens' Services or, if you prefer, you may register by mail sending a check in the amount of \$10 (made payable to AARP), including your telephone number, to the above address.

In addition to updating your driving knowledge and skills, you may be eligible for a discount on auto insurance

after completing this 3 day course.

### National Senior Health and Fitness Day

May 30th is National Senior Health and Fitness Day, designed to increase awareness of the benefits of regular exercise programs for older adults and to encourage all older adults to participate in health and fitness programs offered in their communities.

Activities suggested: health screenings, low impact exercises, and country "line dancing" -- all of which are available at the Community Center.

To make appointments for blood pressure or diabetes screening, or for information regarding exercise programs, please phone 422-8776.

Also: Cooking Class For Healthy Hearts -- Wednesday, May 23, 10:00 am to Noon. Christina Samycia from Wellness Innovations will demonstrate how to cook "heart healthy" and delicious meals. Price is \$4 -- Evergreen Parkettes will perform also.



## Eugene Moore to address Nifty Fifties

Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before the Nifty Fifties, Monday, May 21 at 1:30 pm at Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, Oak Lawn.

## Governor's Coal Summit

State Senator Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park) was joined by 11 of his legislative colleagues at the Governor's Mansion May 2 as part of an energy summit to determine ways to better use Illinois' vast coal resources to address statewide energy needs.

O'Malley was asked by Senate President James "Pete" Philip to represent his caucus at the Coal Summit.

"The State of Illinois has more than 100 years of reserves in coal available to be utilized to supply safe, reliable, reasonably-

Elaine Boyle, President, said that Moore will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office and services available to Cook County residents.

Mr. Moore served with distinction for four terms as Illinois State Representative. He has also been very active in civic affairs over the years. The Cook County Board recently approved a resolution that he should fill the vacant seat of Jesse White, who was elected Illinois Secretary of State.

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priced and environmentally sound power and energy," O'Malley said. "We must also keep in mind that coal should be a dominant fuel for electric generation and used in an environmentally safe manner to preserve and enhance Illinois' economy."

The Illinois General Assembly has before it several legislative proposals to boost the use of Illinois coal in power generation and transmission, many of which were discussed at the Summit.

"We concluded that it was critical to pass legislation this session to utilize Illinois' most plentiful natural resource, coal, to generate electricity in a reliable manner at affordable rates and to promote economic development in downstate Illinois," O'Malley said.

## Senate Week in review

Banning a harmful fuel additive, giving more women access to breast cancer treatment and increasing death benefits for civil servants killed in the line of duty are among the many measures sent the Governor this week, according to State Senator Christine Radogno (R-LaGrange).

Illinois police officers held a memorial service on the Capitol lawn as the Senate approved House Bill 3033, which increases death benefits for civil servants killed in the line of duty.

Also approved was House Bill 171, which prohibits the sale and production of MTBE as a fuel additive in Illinois, a move, which will allow for increased use of Illinois produced ethanol. The ban will take effect three years after the measure is signed into law.

Two measures, which increase access to breast cancer treatment, also advanced to the Governor, House Bill 25 provides Medicaid coverage for uninsured women under the age of 65 who have tested positive for breast or cervical cancer under the Department of Public Health's breast and cervical cancer screening program. Senate Bill 866 requires health insurance policies and

HMO policies that cover mastectomies to also offer coverage for prosthetic devices and complete reconstructive surgery for patients who have had mastectomies.

The Senate also advanced budgets for Fiscal Year 2002 at operating levels set by the Governor for 10 agencies.

The Senate also returned to the House of Representatives legislation (House Bill 632) allowing parents to leave their baby at a safe haven (church, hospital, fire station, etc.) for purposes of adoption without any civil or criminal repercussions.

## Host families needed for foreign students

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## Make A Wish Foundation

Students at Queen of Peace High School hope to raise \$1,000 to sponsor a child through the Make A Wish Foundation.

Nearly 300 frosh and 60 seniors in the Christian Living classes are working together on the fundraising effort. The frosh students are performing 10 hours of service, doing tasks such as babysitting and yard work, and then donating a total of \$10 each to the project. Students performed service projects over the Easter Break in April, and they expect to conclude this month.

While frosh in the Christian Living courses selected the Make A Wish Foundation for the donation, the senior classes joined in to help raise the total contribution to \$1,000.

According to Phyllis Harman, Christian Living teacher, the money will be given to the Make-A Wish Foundation and help sponsor a child's trip to Disney World. The organization grants the wishes of children with life threatening illnesses.



## Fulbright Scholar

John Hasler, son of Earl and Dianne Hasler of Hickory Hills, and a May, 2001 graduate of Valparaiso University, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship. The Fulbright Scholarship is a flagship educational program sponsored and funded by the United States government.

Hasler will be doing research for the United States State Department on how East Germany has been affected since becoming part of the "free" European Union. He will be working for a year at the University of Rostock in Rostock, Germany.

Hasler is an alumnus of Stagg High School District 117.

## Brosnahan holds hearing on Supreme Court Olmstead Ruling

The House of Disabled Community Committee last week heard testimony from persons with disabilities throughout the state regarding the U.S. Supreme Court's Olmstead vs. L. C. Ruling. State Representative Jim Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park), Chairman of the Committee, scheduled the hearing to give the disabled community an opportunity to voice their concerns over the State of Illinois' efforts to comply with the Olmstead decision. The Olmstead ruling places a mandate on states to develop a plan to limit instances of unnecessarily institutionalizing individuals.

Individuals who testified at the committee hearing ranged from parents of children with disabilities to those who have at one time lived in nursing homes and other institutions. The testimony received at the hearing shared a common thread -- individuals with disabilities, physical or mental, who are capable of living in community or home based settings should receive adequate assistance to do so.

Earlier this legislative session, Brosnahan sponsored House Bill 2437, which would satisfy the state's obligation under the Olmstead decision. The measure would require the state to develop a comprehensive plan that would establish the terms for evaluating the eligibility and placement of individuals with disabilities into community settings, as well as specify the services to be administered to the disabled. The bill is currently in the Senate Rules Committee awaiting further review.

## Holistic approach to cancer treatment at Little Company of Mary Hospital

The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers will present a "Holistic Approach to Cancer Treatment" program on Wednesday, May 23 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Please join Mahmoud Mahafzah, M.D. PhD., oncologist on staff at Little Company, as he discusses the awareness of the mind-body connection within the healing process of illness. Dr. Mahafzah has done extensive research in the area of herbs and vitamins and their impact in the treatment of cancer.

This is a free lecture and will be offered at The Cancer Center, 2800 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park in Room M1 on the ground floor. Free valet parking is available at the entrance on California Avenue at 95th Street. Refreshments will be served. For reservations or other information, please call 708-229-6001.

## St. Francis Hospital offers workshops

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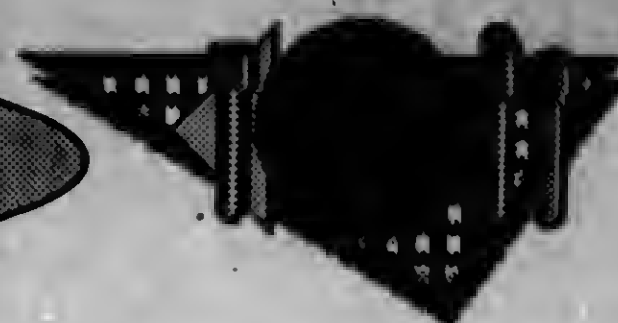
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Since Asian flavors have become an American favorite, and they're especially complementary to beef, try an Asian-influenced marinade the next time you grill. Pair the marinade with flank steak or skirt steak. Both taste delicious teamed with a fresh ginger, soy sauce and sesame oil blend. These flavored steaks, because they are less tender, benefit from marinating at least six hours or as long as overnight in the refrigerator.

### Fully cooked Beef Pot Roast gives Chili a jump start

To save cooking time, begin with fully cooked boneless beef pot roast, purchased at the supermarket fresh meat counter. You're on your way to delicious, 30 minutes quick Chunky Beef Chili With Black Beans.

First, add chili seasoned diced tomatoes, chili powder, ground red pepper and black beans to the gravy from the pot roast. Next, cut the pot roast in 1/2 inch pieces and add them to the pan. Since the beef is already fully cooked, a quick simmer is all that's needed for it to heat through and take on the gravy mixture's zesty flavor. Top the chili with your choice of aromatic chopped fresh cilantro, chopped onion, shredded cheese or dairy sour cream.

Remember, beef provides ZIP -- zinc, iron, and protein -- and important B-vitamins in every bite. Chunky Beef Chili with Black Beans

Total preparation and cooking time: 30 minutes

#### Ingredients:

1 package (2 to 2-1/2 pounds) fully cooked boneless beef pot roast with gravy  
2 cans chili seasoned diced tomatoes

An accompaniment of farmer's market fresh zucchini and yellow squash can be grilled alongside the steak. Round out the menu with bread or rolls and you're set.

Not only have you grilled a great tasting meal, but one that provides important key nutrients. The steak provides beef's nutrition boost -- zinc, iron, protein, and B-vitamins -- in every bite. Plus, flank steak is one of the eight leanest beef cuts.

One tip when you're serving flank or skirt steak. For the best eating experience: carve correctly. It's really quite simple. Carve *diagonally* across the grain. And, as the experts will tell you, always use a sharp knife.

### Grilled Asian Beef Steak and Summer Squash

Total preparation and cooking time: 30 minutes

Marinating time: 6 hours or overnight

#### Ingredients:

1 beef flank or skirt steak (about 1-1/2 pounds)  
3 medium zucchini or yellow summer squash, cut lengthwise in half  
1 teaspoon vegetable oil  
Salt and pepper

#### Marinade:

1/4 cup soy sauce  
1/4 cup finely chopped green onions  
2 tablespoons water  
2 tablespoons packed brown sugar  
1-1/2 tablespoons dark sesame oil  
1 teaspoon minced garlic  
1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger  
1/4 teaspoon pepper

#### Directions:

Combine marinade ingredients in small bowl. Remove and reserve 1/4 cup.

Place beef steak and remaining marinade in food safe plastic bag; turn steak to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or as long as overnight, turning occasionally.

Remove steak from marinade; discard marinade. Brush squash lightly with oil; sprinkle with salt and pepper as desired. Place steak and squash on grid over medium, ash covered coals. Grill flank steak, uncovered, 17 to 21 minutes (skirt steak 10 to 13 minutes) for medium rare to

medium doneness, turning occasionally. Grill squash 15 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally.

Place reserved marinade in small saucepan; heat until hot. Carve steak across the grain into thin slices; spoon hot reserved marinade over beef. Serve with squash.

### Italian Garlic Burgers

#### Ingredients:

1-1/2 pounds ground beef  
1 package frozen mozzarella and garlic cheese bread  
Salt and pepper  
4 tomato slices  
12 large fresh basil leaves

Heat bread according to package directions for grilling; watch so that bread does not scorch on bottom.

Meanwhile lightly shape ground beef into four 3/4 inch thick patties. Place patties on grid over medium, ash covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 13 to 15 minutes to medium doneness, until not pink in center.

Cut bread crosswise into four "buns." Season burgers with salt and pepper, as desired. Place burgers in buns; top with tomato and basil.

### Easy Butter Cake with Frosting

2 1/4 cups all purpose flour

1 1/2 cups sugar  
1 cup butter, softened  
1 cup buttermilk  
4 eggs

1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla  
3 to 4 tablespoons milk

#### Ingredients for Frosting:

6 tablespoons butter  
3 cups powdered sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla

Heat oven to 350°. Combine all cake ingredients in large mixer bowl. Beat at low speed.

Pour into greased 13 X 9 inch pan. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely.

In 1 quart saucepan melt 6 tablespoons butter over medium heat. Continue heating, stirring constantly, until

butter just starts to turn golden (5 to 6 minutes). Watch closely. Butter will get foamy and bubble. Remove from heat. Cool 5 minutes.

Combine browned butter, powdered sugar and vanilla in mixer bowl. Beat at medium speed, gradually adding milk and scraping bowl often, until frosting is smooth and spreadable. Frost cooled cake.



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# Local students win writing contest

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The winners were chosen from more than 10,000 students nationwide who wrote letters to their members of Congress through the Respecteen Speak for yourself social studies curriculum. The program is sponsored by Lutheran Brotherhood, a financial services organization based in Minneapolis.

Some local winners include:

• Nicole Boyd, 13, of Chicago, is a student at Miriam G. Canter Middle

School. Her letter to Rep. Louis Gutierrez addressed gang violence.

• Tiana Jones, 13, of Chicago, is a student at Miriam G. Canter Middle School. Her letter to Rep. Bobby Rush addressed affordable housing.

• Reginald Maldonado, 14, of Chicago, is a student at Miriam G. Canter Middle School. His letter to Rep. Danny Davis addressed mental health institutions.

• Sam Verplaetse, 13, of Crest Hill, is a student at Timber Ridge Middle School. His letter to Rep. Judy Biggert addressed the patent process.

• Nadia Nammari, 14, of Glenwood, is a student at Brookwood Junior High School. Her letter to Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. addressed capital punishment.

• Ian Noble, 12, of Hanover Park, is a student at Robert Frost Junior High School. His letter to Rep. Phillip Crane addressed third world debt.

• Matthew Gorman, 12, of Oak Lawn, is a student at Ashburn Lutheran School. His letter to Rep. William Lipinski addressed water pollution.

• Lauren Porto, 12, of Wood Dale, is a student at Wood Dale Junior High

School. Her letter to Rep. Henry Hyde addressed campaign finance reform.

Ellen Albee, manager of the Lutheran Brotherhood's national programs, says the program is an excellent way for young people to learn about the impact they can have on public policy making.

"The Respecteen Speak for Yourself program teaches young people that their opinions do matter," Albee said. "One of the most effective first steps to communicating with decision makers is by writing a well reasoned letter."

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## Marist student earns high honors

Marist student Ray Blake, son of Francis and Margaret Blake, recently signed his letter of intent to attend Stanford University this coming fall. Among many accomplishments, Ray Blake currently has a 5.29 on a 5.0 scale at Marist High School. Mr. Blake also took the State of Illinois Wrestling Title in 2000 and took third place during the 2001 season. He has been named the Outstanding SCC Wrestler for the last two years, captain of the Marist Wrestling team (1999-2001), member of the Wrestling USA Dream Team and the member of the All State Academic Wrestling Team. Congratulations Ray Blake!



## Student art show at Marist

The senior art students at Marist High School are presenting their projects for viewing May 10th-May 24th in the art wing of the school, 4200 West 115th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Marist art students have prepared works for this exhibit using a variety of mediums. Displays include oil paintings, charcoals, pottery pieces, scratchboard and finely designed furniture paintings. Many of these students will go on to major in art at the university level, and have won numerous awards in community exhibitions.

The exhibit is open for viewing during school days from 8:00 a.m. until 3 p.m. A reception will be held on May 10th from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. for the students families and friends.

The artists whose works are on display are: Mike Wood, Len Christensen, Bob Prtascher, Andy Betacourt, Ryan Franzen, Colin Joyce, Jason Kerridan, Brian Nardulli, Sean Carroll, Matt Degan, Jake Disnmure, Jim Fearon, Mike Llyod, Adam radick, John Virrarreal, Ben Wydra, and Jon Young.

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Sister Rose Wiorek, RSM, principal of Mother McAuley High School, is proud to announce the graduates of 2001. These 466 young women have spent four years preparing spiritually, academically, socially and physically to assume their unique role in today's world.

The students recently voted on the Faculty Speaker for their graduation. Mrs. Marilyn Rush, math teacher, will address the graduates at their ceremony.

The long standing McAuley tradition of graduates wearing long white dresses and carrying a red rose continues with a graduation ceremony on May 26 at noon. The Graduation Ceremony will be held on the East lawn of the campus, or

in the event of rain, in the McAuley Gymnasium, 3737 W. 99th Street, Chicago. The graduates are:

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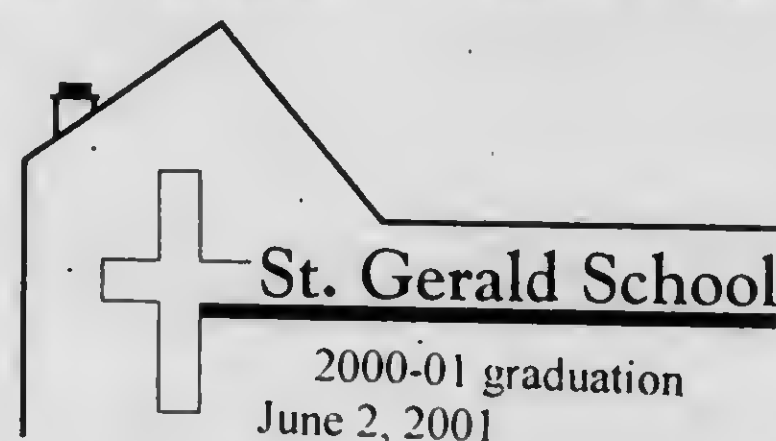
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Julie Wogan of Oak Lawn is pictured as Vasilissa in the musical adaption of *Vasilissa the Beautiful*, an old Russian fairy tale.

## Beverly Art Center presents a Russian fairy tale

A musical version of *Vasilissa the Beautiful*, an old Russian fairy tale adapted by Jean Vanier, will play at the Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th Street, Chicago, for one performance only, on Monday, May 21 at 8:00 pm.

This imagination, fantasy filled folk tale will be performed by a cast of eight and includes nine original songs, handmade masks and puppets. Vasilissa tells the story of a little girl's

ability to ultimately overcome all obstacles and triumph in the end.

*Vasilissa the Beautiful* will be presented at the Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th Street, Chicago on Monday, May 21 at 8:00 pm. Benefit tickets are \$25 and include reception following performance; \$15 for show only. For tickets and information, call 773-445-3838.

## Auditions for "Fiddler on the Roof"

Auditions for *Fiddler on the Roof*, the Philip Lynch Theatre's annual summer musical production, will be held on Wednesday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at Lewis University's Philip Lynch Theatre.

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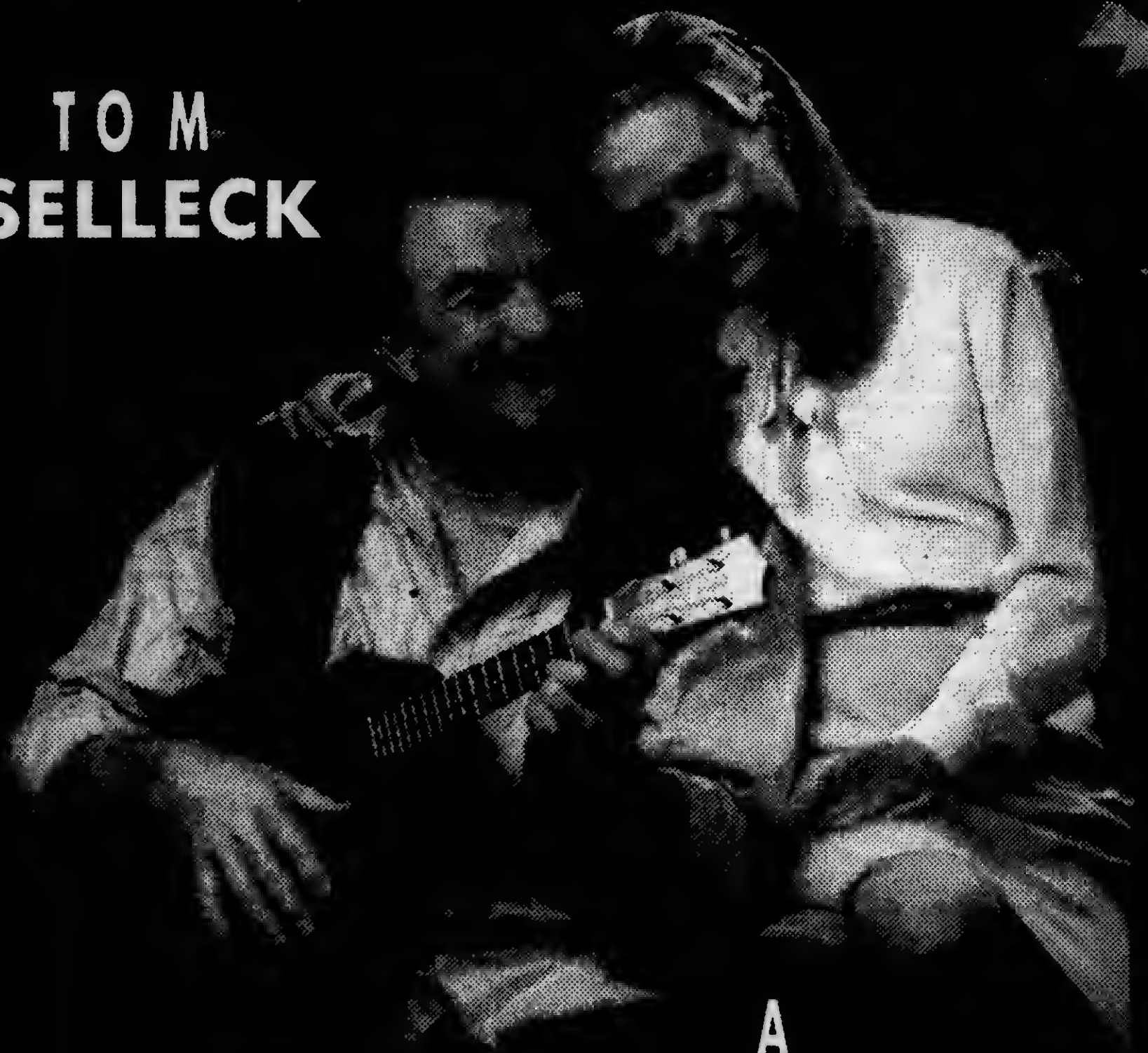
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### Chicago Park District's Junior Citizen Award

Laura Kurek, senior at Queen of Peace High School, was selected as one of ten citywide finalists in the Junior Citizens competition sponsored by the Chicago Park District.

Laura was selected in the Southwest Region based at Scottsdale Park. She and nine other young people were recognized as citywide finalists at the 48th Annual Junior Citizen Awards Dinner on March 30.

When she was new to the area, Ms. Kurek said she found that her neighborhood park offered her endless activities and the opportunity to make new friends.

As a volunteer Ms. Kurek has assisted with gym shows, graduations and parties. She plans to major in elementary education and would like to become a teacher.

The Chicago Park District's Junior Citizens Program began in the late 1940s. It is designed to inspire, empower, and recognize the future leaders of Chicago.



The selection process begins at local parks, advances through Park District areas and regions, then culminates in a citywide competition among ten finalists. Judges evaluate finalists on their contributions to their parks, schools, churches, and neighborhoods.

### Moraine Valley to offer telecourses this summer

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### Free Memorial Day festival planned by the Oak Lawn Park District

Flora and fauna will be the focus of the Oak Lawn Park District's annual Memorial Day celebration - *Red, White & Blue and Flower Sale, Too* - held Monday, May 28, at Memorial Park, 102nd Street and Major Avenue in Oak Lawn.

In addition to the salute to veterans held at 11:00 am, the park district's Memorial Day celebration centers around three special events: the Annual Spring Flower Sale featuring \$10 flats of annuals, such as peonies, pansies and petunias from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm; the Great Perennial Divide, where local gardeners can bring in their perennial plants and swap them for others' plants from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm; Hawk Talk, a professional demonstration with educational information on wild captive birds from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. Free ladybugs for gardens will be given away while they last beginning at 11:00 am, and Scott King, park district naturalist, will offer gardening advice and local nature information throughout the event.

Besides floral activities, the park district will also offer an opportunity for local residents to clean out their garages, while giving other residents to clean out their garages, while giving other residents a chance to pick up some new equipment for the summer season. The Sporty

Spring Cleaning, from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm, is where individuals can sell or exchange sporting goods they no longer use. Registration is required for the spring cleaning sales at \$1 per table. Any unsold/unexchanged items can be donated to the park district at the end of the event.

For those interested in an active Memorial Day, \$1 open swim and a free sand volleyball tournament will also be offered. Team sign up for the tournament will be on site the day of the event.

The complete schedule for the Oak Lawn Park District's Memorial Day event is as follows:

Park Foundation Youth Hooked on Fishing International Fishing Derby, 8 am to 3 pm  
Salute to Veterans, 11 am  
Annual Memorial Day Flower Sale, 11 am to 3 pm  
Sporty Spring Cleaning, 11 am to 3 pm  
Great Perennial Divide, 11 am to 2 pm  
Kids' Games and Bingo, 11 am to 2 pm  
Magician Ray Scheff, noon  
Ladybug Mini-Festival, noon  
Face Painting, noon to 2 pm  
Sand Volleyball Tournament, noon to 3 pm  
Open Swim, noon to 3 pm  
For more information call 708-857-2200.

### Chicago Ridge's Office of the Mayor

On behalf of our Village Clerk, Chuck Tokar, and Trustee candidates George Ryniak, Maureen Socha, and Jim Saunoris, I would like to thank all those Chicago Ridge voters who took time out of their busy schedule to give the Performance Party a vote of confidence.

Although I was the only candidate facing opposition, most voters did not punch for our candidates, and that makes all of us on the ticket feel like we're on the right track in working for the residents. We will continue to make decisions based upon what is in the best interest of the majority of our citizens. Although we cannot always go along with their wishes com-

pletely, we do try our best to listen to the people before making decisions, and we do appreciate residents' input.

While I am Mayor, we will continue with our "open door" policy: any resident can call on me at any time with a problem, or feel free to attend a Committee meeting and speak freely, directly to the Board of Trustees.

Thank you again for your vote of confidence. We look forward to working on your behalf over the next four years.

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Eugene Siegel  
Mayor of Chicago Ridge

### Chicago Ridge Public Library

The Youth Services Department of the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 6301 W. Birmingham, has more than books for children to check out. A new program,

begun April 1 in conjunction with National Library Week, allows children as well as adult patrons to check out a Beanie Baby named Oxford.

Oxford is an ox. He is named Oxford as a way of publicizing the library's new address, 10400 S. Oxford. The Chicago Ridge Library is in the midst of constructing a new addition, which will move the library's entrance from its current position to a new one around the corner on Oxford Avenue.

Oxford comes with his own diary, which our patrons are helping write and illustrate. You can read about Oxford's past adventures. The library has five different versions of Oxford and his diary, so you can check Oxford out several times and read different journeys each one has taken. call the library at 708-423-7753.

The Oak Lawn Park District presents a free event....

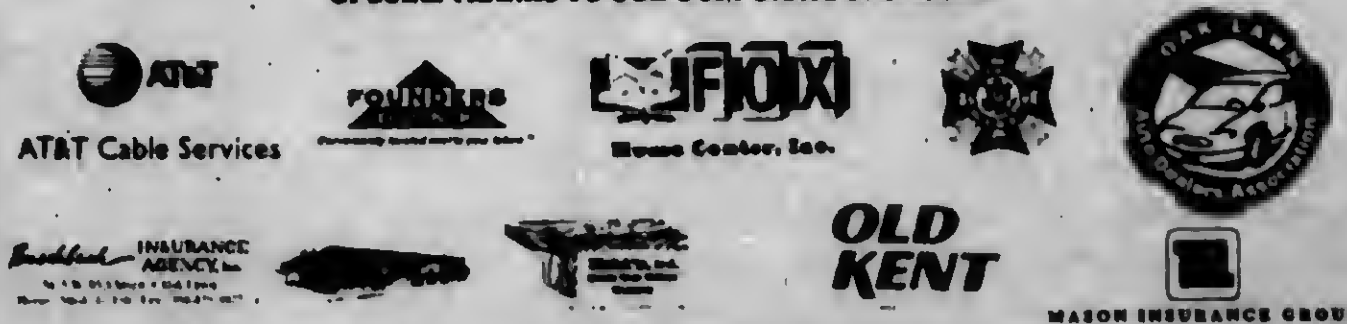
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## Moraine Valley to offer classes via the World Wide Web this summer

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Students enrolled in Virtual College classes access course materials via the Internet using home or campus computers. Computers are located in the Center for Contemporary Technology's Learning and Computing Center and in the Robert E. Turner Learning Resources Center/Library in Building L.

The first class session of each Virtual College course will take place on Moraine Valley's campus. Instructors will provide additional information regarding on campus sessions and give directions for online access to course materials.

Virtual College students who choose to participate in class from off campus locations must possess personal computer literacy skills and have access to

internet connection, a computer with Windows 95 or 98, Internet Explorer 4.0 software, and a minimum of 16 MEG of RAM.

For more information about Moraine Valley's Virtual College courses or a complete listing of technical requirements, call the college's Alternative Learning Department at 708-974-5710.

## St. Rita of Cascia Feast Day Mass

In celebration of the 101st anniversary of the canonization of St. Rita of Cascia, a Feast Day Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 22, at 7:00 pm, in the St. Rita of Cascia High School Chapel, 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago. St. Rita of Cascia is the patron saint of impossible cases.

The St. Rita of Cascia Shrine is also located in the Chapel for you to visit.

work, library assignments, and instructor conferences.

For more information about Directed Study courses, call the college's Alternative Learning Office at 708-974-5710.

Summer semester classes begin the week of June 11. Tuition is \$49 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Students can register by phone with an operator by calling 708-974-2110.

## Moraine Valley

As an alternative to traditional classroom education, Moraine Valley Community College will offer several Directed Study classes this summer.

Study classes meet weekly in mandatory classes and devote a large amount of time outside of class to home-



## Local to be Ordained

Brendan Andrew Curran, O.P., a native of Evergreen Park, will be ordained to the presbyterate by Bishop Wilton D. Gregory of Belleville, Illinois, Saturday, May 12, 2001, at St. Francis Xavier (College) Church in St. Louis. He will celebrate Masses of Thanksgiving at St. Cecilia Church in St. Louis on Sunday, May 13, at Most Holy Redeemer Church in Evergreen Park on Sunday, May 20, and at St. Pius V Church in Pilsen on Sunday, July 1.

Son of Desmond and Mary Pat Curran, Fr. Curran, 30, grew up in Most Holy Redeemer Parish in Evergreen Park, and attending Brother Rice High School in Chicago. After receiving a B.A. in political science and French from Providence College in 1992, he joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. He spent the year in Mobile, Alabama, as

a volunteer with L'Arche, a community of adults with mental and physical disabilities who live in community with non disabled volunteers.

Fr. Curran's interest in the Order of Preachers led him to join the Sinsinawa Dominican-Apostolic Volunteer Program, now known as Dominican Volunteers USA, after his year in Mobile. He was a Youth Minister at St. Albert the Great Parish in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and it was there, living with the Dominican men and in relationship with the Sinsinawa Dominicans, that he decided to join the order.

Fr. Curran will receive his Master of Arts in Theology and Master of Divinity degrees from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis May 11, 2001. During his years of study he ministered in Hispanic and African American communities in St. Louis and Chicago, and spent a semester studying at the Catholic University of Bolivia. He is a member of the corporate board of Dominican Volunteers USA.

Fr. Curran has been assigned to St. Pius V, a largely Hispanic parish in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago, where he spent a pastoral year of formation in 1997. As Associate Pastor, he will provide sacramental and pastoral ministry.

"I had known of the Dominicans for all of my life - my aunt is a Dominican in Ireland. I then attended a Dominican college, but it was more in knowing Dominicans personally in the community life that I was drawn to them. My interest developed as a result of a sense of their wider understanding of preaching, and their style of life, bringing women, men, laity, brothers, sisters, and priests together - really attempting the experiment of St. Dominic started," explains Fr. Curran.

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## Battle of the Bands

Five Oak Lawn bands will compete Friday, May 18, for the title "Best Teen Band in Oak Lawn" in the Oak Lawn Park District's semi annual Battle of the Bands event. Drove, Find Away, The Fly Honeys, Color Blind, and Desiderata will perform on two stages between 7 pm and 10 pm at the Community Pavilion, located at 9401 S. Oak Park Ave., in Oak Lawn.

"These performers really look forward to this event," says Chris Finn, organizer. "It's a chance for them to gain some exposure in their own communities and to perform for other teens on a professional stage."

Each band will get approximately 30 minutes to perform, says Finn. They will be judged based on originality, creativity, intonation, rhythm, technique, interpretation, balance, blend and stage charisma. Judges Jason Burns of Darien and Randy Lee of Barrington currently per-

## St. Fabian Phoenix Group's Speaker Night

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group would like to invite everyone to their speaker night on Thursday, May 24, 2001. The speaker will be Pat McEnerney and she will speak on "Happiness is an Achievement." Doors will be open at 7:00 pm and the meeting will start at 8:00 pm. This meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center, 7450 W. 83rd Street, Bridgeview. Further information can be obtained by calling Deacon Ken at 708-458-8923 or Tom and Marianne 708-499-5377.

form in local bands. The winning band of the evening will receive two complimentary hours of recording time at ARS Recording Studio in Alsip.

This event is designed for preteens and teens in junior high and high school. Entrance fee is \$3; concert goers must provide a school ID for entry. For more information call the Oak Lawn Park District at 708-857-2200.

## Volleyball for all

Who needs a lakefront? Sand volleyball is available in two locations in Oak Lawn -- Centennial Park (93rd Street and Nashville Avenue) and the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110th Street) -- beginning the first week of June.

Adult teams are now being formed for this sunny, sandy and athletic sport. Women only leagues will have games Tuesdays from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Oak View Center and 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Centennial Park. A men only league will have games Mondays from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Centennial Park.

Co-recreational teams will play at Centennial Park; a competitive league on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm; a recreational league on Thursdays from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm; and another recreational league on Fridays from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

The cost per team for any league is \$275, which is required to be paid in full at the time of registration. Registration deadline is Wednesday, May 23.

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# VIEWS ON NEWS

## Stancik on a cleanup crusade

An Editorial

By: F.J. Soczek

Oak Lawn 2nd District Trustee Ron Stancik, the self-appointed (or is it anointed?) arbiter of taste, style and that which is acceptable in contemporary suburban living standards, wants to clean up the town.

After paving over several new parking lots and planting a few petunias, Stancik has decided to play *Martha Stewart* by deciding which specific housing structures have failed to measure up to his exacting standards.

Stancik declared the short stretch of Columbus Drive (4900 block) directly north of the new "Metra" commuter parking lot

*Tobacco Row.*

Stancik described the "sub-standard rental properties" as the scene of "loitering and loud radios," and urged a special police task force to be assigned to assure compliance with existing municipal codes.

Stancik found the predominant "Towing" signs affixed to the properties particularly distasteful.

Admittedly, the signs are not pretty.

But, as one resident pointed out, neither is the barbed-wire compound the Village erected at 5108 W. 95th Street.

The Village currently has

an extremely comprehensive sign ordinance created "at significant taxpayer expense to address such occasions.

There is, however, one minor problem.

The sign ordinances, like (surprise!) many other similar examples of legal wizardry (read busywork) are not consistently or fairly enforced.

In a recent issue of the *Oak Lawn Clippings*, the official journal of the Village, Trustee Stancik wrote:

"One of my highest priorities and concerns are the complaints of speeding vehicles and generally reckless driving on our streets...

"As I ride my bicycle, I am astounded by the number of residents who don't stop for stop signs and drive in a manner to endanger others..."

"Our new traffic division continues to attend training seminars to develop strategies to better enforce and police our streets."

Interesting. According to public records and campaign literature, Ron Stancik has been involved with the "Village of Oak Lawn Municipal Government since 1975." Over a quarter century!

It is truly amazing why one of the most dangerous traffic situations in the Village continues to exist where westbound Southwest Highway (off Cicero) abruptly changes from three lanes into two.

There are no Merging signs anywhere to be found.

But throughout the surrounding residential neighborhood, however

incongruous, everyone (and his brother) seems to have a *No Parking* sign between "X" hours in front of his house to ensure no one infringes upon public/private space considered sacrosanct.

How long have you been on the *Traffic Review Board*, Ron?

How many more "seminars" are needed to ascertain whether the price of a solitary warning sign truly exceeds the value of a single human life?

Similarly, a drive/race south down Central Avenue from 87th Street to the railroad tracks is a particularly scenic route through the Village.

Pieces of car parts are festooned with bright orange *For Sale* signs, along with other sundry household items.

Rusting and abandoned vehicles benignly repose on

front lawns, giving the neighborhood a quaint "rural" charm.

Commercial businesses are allowed to operate with impunity and obvious scorn for residential zoning regulations.

Perhaps a rule requiring Trustees to extend their pinky finger while grasping their styrofoam water cups will be next.

The ordinances are there. Enforce them. The results will speak for themselves, unencumbered by petty accolades and hubris.

Lest this appear as a "Pick on Ron" diatribe, a well deserved word of praise is in order.

As you predicted, Ron, the Oak Lawn Lake is a true gem. The Spring rebirth is clearly a miracle, worth every penny spent. And then some.



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## Safe boating means wearing a lifejacket and being alert to others

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Brent Manning is reminding boat operators and passengers to be safe on the water this boating season by wearing life jackets, being alert to others on the water and by staying sober.

"Careless and reckless operation, as well as boat operator inattention and inexperience, were among the primary causes of boating accidents in Illinois last year," Manning said. "It is a fact that wearing an approved life jacket while boating can save your life, and there is no question that boaters who are sober, alert and paying attention to what they're doing can avoid mishaps on the water."

Illinois law requires that life jackets, also known as personal flotation devices (PFDs), be available for each person aboard a boat or other watercraft. State law also requires anyone operating a personal watercraft to wear a life jacket, and anyone under the age of 13 must wear a life jacket while abroad any watercraft under 26 feet in length at all times the boat is underway, unless they are below deck in an enclosed cabin.

Wakolbinger said the IDNR offers free boating safety courses to review

boating laws and provide instruction on safe and attentive operation of watercraft. Course schedules are available by contacting the IDNR Safety Education Office at 800-832-2599, Ameritech Relay 800-526-0844, or by checking the IDNR web site at <http://dnr.state.il.us>.

National Safe Boating Week is observed annually during the week preceding the Memorial Day holiday weekend. This year's National Safe Boating Week observance is May 19-25.

## Military News

Scott T. Hughes has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after graduating from Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama. Hughes is a 1984 graduate of St. Rita High School in Chicago.

Air Force Airman Jose Bautista Jr. has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Gloria Bautista and Rafael Del Bosque of Burbank. Bautista is a 1998 graduate of Reavis High School in Burbank.

By Kathy Whirity

There are those questions in life that even if the wisdom of Solomon was bestowed upon us, we'd still be searching to answer. How many times a day do you find yourself scratching your head in disbelief at situations that seem to have no clear explanation?

My mind is always at work. I worry what will happen before it happens; I also contemplate the hows and whys of the world, to distraction at times.

When I was five years old, my family moved to a new house in a new neighborhood. I remember standing on the front porch with my mother, waiting to meet a little girl who lived down the block. My mother tried to appease me by saying this potential playmate would be there "in two shakes of a lamb's tail".

Why, I wondered, was that phrase used to initiate swiftness? In my pre-grade school wisdom I shot back, with what I thought was a wise assessment, "Well, how long does it take you to find the lamb?"

This leads me to ponder some perplexing questions in life. Questions that, no matter how often they are analyzed, still leave us shaking our heads in bewilderment:

Why is it that when you try to loose weight, you end up gaining more? It must be an unwritten rule of nature. Every time I boldly announce that I am putting my foot down and going on a diet, I seem to put my foot in my mouth, along with anything and everything that tastes good.

Why are nursing homes filled with the incoherence of geriatric patients who've lived long and prosperous lives, well beyond their prime; and yet young mommies are called away

by Kathy Whirity  
[kathywhirity@myemailstation.com](mailto:kathywhirity@myemailstation.com)

to heaven before their time? (They say that there is to be learned in every situation, but this one may be best to accept.)

Why are people in such a rush to get where they only to complain they hardly remember where they (They say it's not reaching your destination, but that brings meaning to our lives.)

Neighborhoods are collapsing under the heavy drugs and violence. As I watch news footage of manding an end to gangs and crime, I can't help whose kids are these? Aren't those kids, *their* kids hard to figure out that if parents don't take charge children and make them accountable for their actions protesting in the world won't bring about safer hoods? (From the looks of the criminal destruction society, there will never be an easy answer to ensure munities will be crime-free.)

The other day, a dear friend of mine were loc deep discussion on the sober reality that life goes o rain or shine, good times or death. We both agr seems a bit daunting that, for all our presence in we are gone, life will still go on without us.

While that may seem ominous, there's a hope tion we can choose to live by if you want to leav memory: how you lived your life is how you'll l bered. A simple concept that speaks volumes.

While we are on the subject, I have one last q you to ponder: why does it take a death to make that life is too short? There is no time like the truly enjoy the ones we love.

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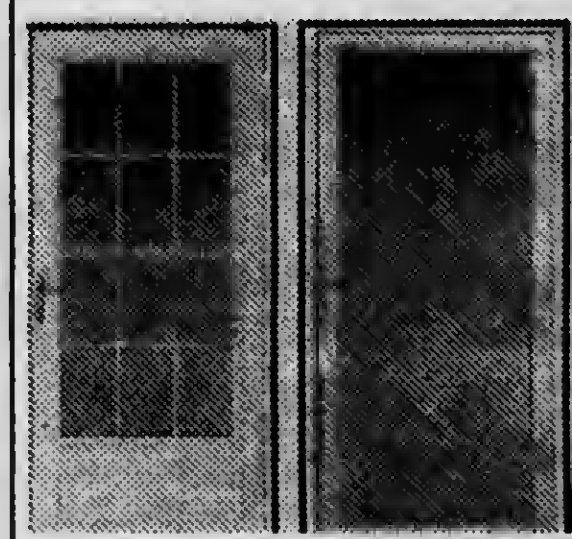
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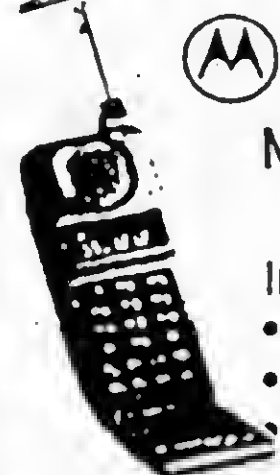
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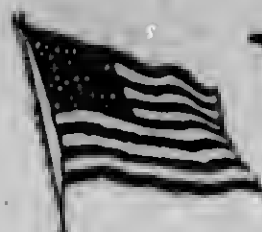
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# VILLAGE VIEW

All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

## Consumers will get a choice of energy suppliers by 2002

By Rick Techman

In a little less than a year Illinois energy consumers will have the opportunity to choose their electric power supplier due to a law passed by the state legislature in 1997 deregulating the electric industry in this state. The law deregulating the electric industry was carefully woven, under the watchful eye of the Citizens Utility Board, virtually mandating rate reductions for the vast majority of residential customers.

In a flyer recently distributed by Attorney Robert Kelter, Director of Litigation for CUB, it explained some of the changes already occurring in ComEd and Illinois Power utility bills that have cut the prices of electricity to residential customers by 15 percent since August 1, 1998.

The flyer also explained ComEd will cut rates by another five percent on October 1, 2001 and by May 1, 2002 consumers will be allowed to choose their own electric power supplier. The ComEd rate cuts will save the average ratepayer about \$180 a year from pre-1998 rates. An additional rate cut by ComEd for the remaining outstanding overcharge to bring prices down to the Midwest average occurred in October, 2000.

New electric service suppliers will require certification by the state, implementation of a code of conduct and full disclosure of prices and terms in plain language. Though new electric utility providers will be available immediately on May 1, 2002, satisfied consumers will not be

required to change providers. Laws mandating rate reductions for residential customers will be in effect.

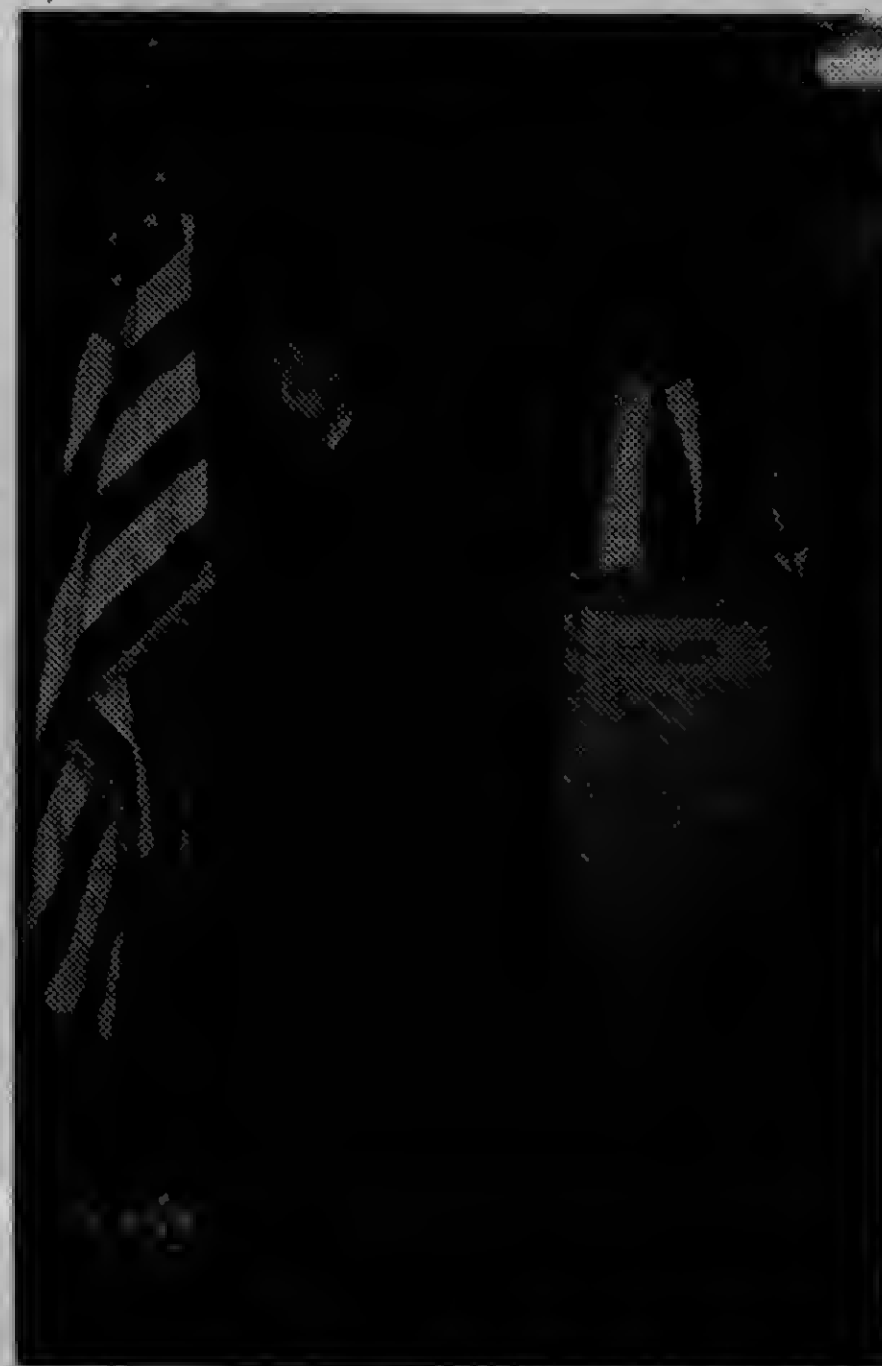
The flyer also explained, "Your local electric company will continue to maintain and repair the distribution system, respond to emergencies and install new lines, transformers and meters the same as it does today. But the law includes," it continued, "new standards designed to enhance reliability of electric service."

"ComEd, which serves over 70 percent of the state," according to the flyer, "is required to compensate customers for damages due to major outages or power surges that could have been prevented. The Illinois

law," it also read, "contains the largest rate reductions and the strongest consumer protections in the country."

Kelter said, "It's very easy, one big manufacturing facility, let's say a steel company, may use as much electricity as 15,000 to 20,000 residential customer's homes. It's much easier to have one wire to run to that big plant than to have 20,000 wires run to 20,000 different homes with 20,000 people using electricity at different times of the day. It's much easier," he added, "to serve the big customers. We knew that."

Kelter also explained steps were taken in the law deregulating electricity to protect residential ratepayers from unfair practices by competing utilities to get ComEd business or to allow rates to increase rather than remain competitive. Lessons learned from telephone deregulation a few years ago will prevent "slamming" and other hard sell tactics used to change service suppliers without customer authorization.



Attorney Robert Kelter, Director of Litigation for the Citizens Utility Board, discusses current CUB activities overseeing the price of natural gas throughout Illinois and taking legal steps to control costs at the Clearing Civic League meeting May 8. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)

## Happening in Clearing

The Clearing Civic League, an organization made up of residents interested in their community, wants you to know items of interest in the Clearing area:

Marie Zilka was selected as the senior of the year, representing the Hale Raisers. A luncheon will be held at Mc Cormick Place.

Nalco has changed their name to Odeco Nalco. A company based in France purchased Nalco, and plans to downsize. Silica opera-

Goebel, plant manager.

The Southeast Side Senior Organization at 6012 S. Archer has planned a 5th anniversary celebration for May 15th; there also will be a special hot lunch on May 16 courtesy of the city of Chicago, for just \$1.50.

tions will be remaining at Odeco Nalco. Nalco has been in the Clearing area since 1929, and will remain connected to the Community Advisory group per Charles

## Daley College wins Bellwether Award

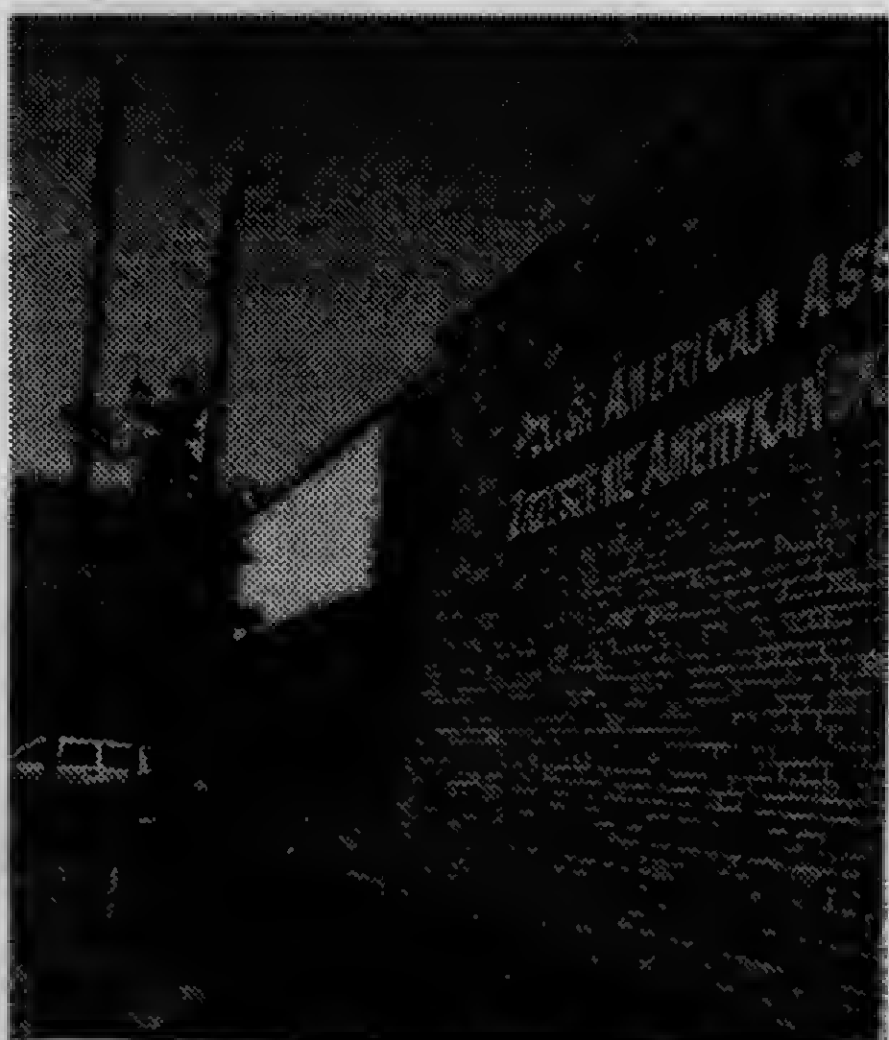
Richard J. Daley College has been honored for winning the 2001 Bellwether Award in Planning, Governance and Finance from the University of Florida. A reception recognizing the college was held recently at the University Club in Chicago.

The Bellwether awards recognize trend-setting institutions that are addressing critical issues facing the future of community colleges. Conference co-sponsors included the League for Innovation, the National Council for Occupational Education, the Community College Business Officers, the National Council of State Directors of Community Colleges and the Education Commission of the States among others.

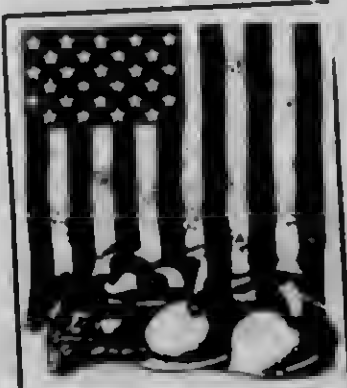
The Bellwether Award to Daley College recognizes its role with the Associated

Equipment Distributors Foundation in planning and implementing the Equipment and Technology Institute at Gage Park High School. Graduates of that program are guaranteed employment in the construction equipment industry. Fourteen of the top graduates from Gage Park High School in June 2000 were participants in the program, 6 Graduates were named among the top 100 Hispanics of the year by Super Onda magazine, 3 won all 3 of the top scholarships from the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and 1 was awarded a Bill Gates Millennium Scholarship.

"For those of us in community colleges, this is like winning a Nobel Prize," said Dan Landt, Acting Dean of Instruction at Daley College.



The Polish and American flags fly proudly over the Polish-American Association building at Archer Avenue and Merrimac along the route where many neighborhood youth drove their cars draped in Polish flags celebrating Polish Constitution Day May 3. The Polish constitution was written in 1791 during an uprising against Russia for a free Poland during a rebellion led by Polish patriot Thaddeus Kosciuszko. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)



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## And I have promises to keep-- a new regime begins in Worth

By: F.J. Soczek

The immortal words of Robert Frost appear most fitting when describing the grueling campaign and ultimate triumph of Edward Guzdziol and his Integrity Party.

And what would be a more appropriate way to signal a new beginning for the Village of Worth than an ebullient group of family, friends and hard working supporters gathering to celebrate May Day, or the true birthday of the fledgling political coalition.

For what seemed like an interminable period of time, the Village suffered under the myopic guidance of a consortium of inflexible politicos whose actions were predictable as night follows day.

Four fresh new faces have entered the picture, along with a much needed source of legal guidance.

Will the new Village officials ultimately succumb to the classic "follow the pack" mind set shamefully demonstrated by the outgoing administration?

Or will there be spirited and conscientious debates, focusing on issues rather than factional loyalties?

Time will tell.

At least one vestigial "survivor" of the past political regime appears to have already demonstrated a subtle, yet distinct unwillingness to become a proverbial "team player."

Trustee Georgia Duffy, who, often mercilessly taunted a solitary Edward Guzdziol from a cozy shelter behind the protective apron stings of her cohorts, must now stand alone.

Duffy, whether being merely contrary or stridently individualistic, chose not to be sworn in

with her former adversary. Weakly, she tried to flex her wings as she had before, offering minor objections to the new board's dictates.

But to no avail.

This time, however, the discordant sound of a crashing gavel was conspicuously absent.

Although Ed Guzdziol's wife presented the new Mayor with a brand new gavel, it appears doubtful he will really need to use it.

It's not his style to resort to force, knowing the exquisite powers of logic will ultimately prevail.

As for Guzdziol's selection of Mathias Delort as new Village counsel, the "jury is out" on this one.

Whether the former associate of Burt Odelson and Co. is cut from the same cloth as his "mentor," time again will tell. His hourly billing rate is \$10.00 per hour higher. Perhaps he will be more efficient. Perhaps.

Apparently bitter in their defeat, former Mayor James Bilder, Village Clerk Pat Miller and Trustee Mark Meany were not present for the swearing-in ceremonies.

A gracious Trustee Frank Bonham bowed out a true gentleman and received a standing ovation from the grateful audience.

The promises made by the Integrity during their campaign were swiftly addressed and fulfilled during the first official moments of the new administration.

The mournful ghost of Robert Stewart figuratively lingered on as a proposal to slash building fees 40% was unanimously approved by the board. Also noted was the future elimination of "simple permits" currently required for routine household repairs and

maintenance.

The full-time position of Building Commissioner (held by Ken Koester) was reduced to a part time post at a salary of \$20,000 per year. Bruce Zartler was appointed to fill this job and will be assisted by qualified, "on-call" inspectors as needed.

The Board unanimously approved a motion to abolish the appointment of Village office and clerical staff, utilizing instead a civil service format.

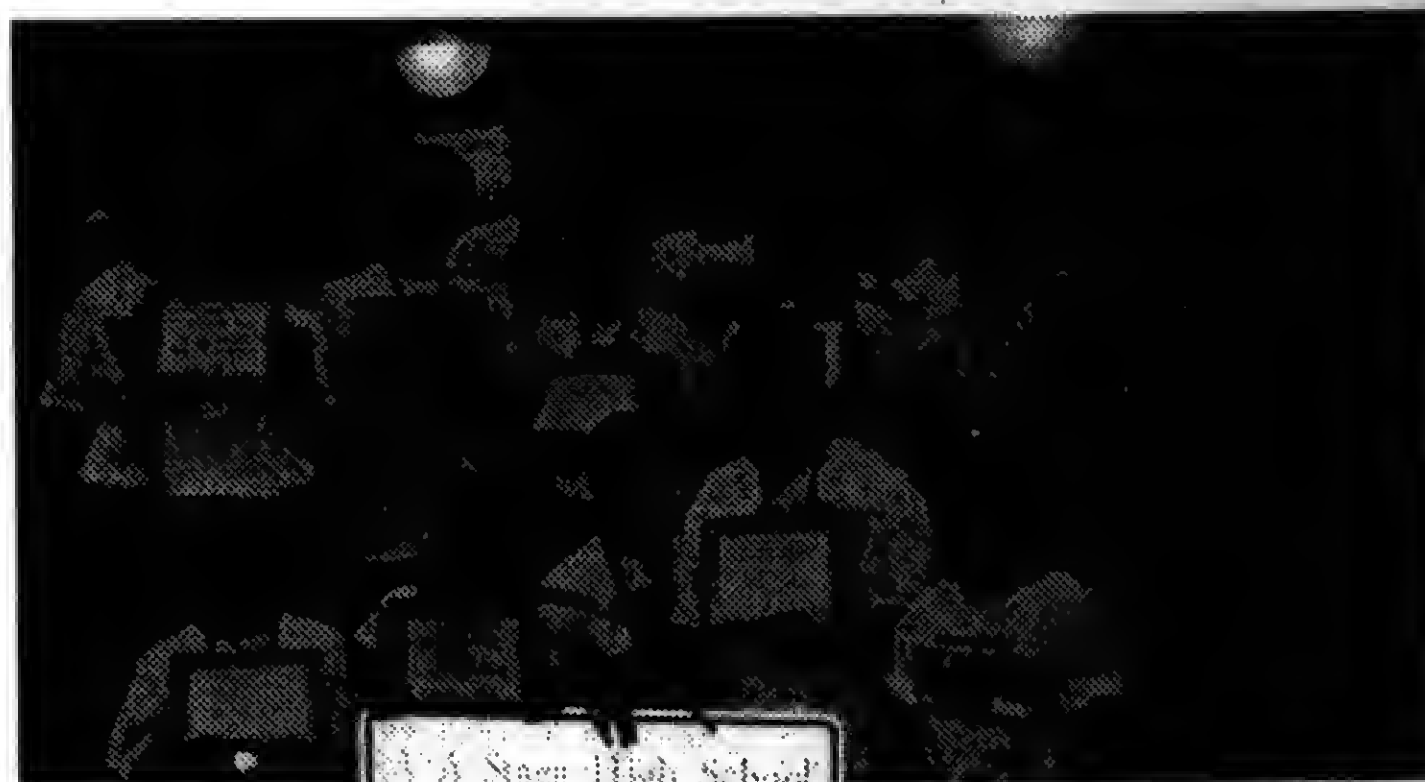
The rather inconvenient scheduling of separate Village Committee and Board meetings were streamlined by consolidating both forums within a single date and time frame.

Also unanimously approved was the abatement of \$135,000 in 1996 Golf Course Bonds.

Mary Rhein was appointed to fill the unexpired Trustee term left vacant by Ed Guzdziol.

The following appointments were also unanimously approved by the Board:

Wayne Demonbreun, Superintendent of Public Works; Don Stefaniak, Fire Chief; Dan Pryce and George Papa, Building Inspectors; Duane Seitz and Charlie Leuver, Electrical Inspectors; Mike Deffogio, Plumbing Inspector; Charlie Everette, HVAC Inspector and Donna Everette, Health and License Inspector.



Pictured are: Robert Balok, Nick Brozek, Alderman Frank Williams, Mayor Gerald Bennett, Laura Cerny, Paul Ciolino, Nicole Kirk, Shilpa Murthy, Michael Ryan, Stacey Swieringa, Melissa Tan, Frank Velez. Coach Cathy Harper, 20 Years Coach Dave Henry, '68

## A.A. Stagg Special Olympic teams wins State Championship

by Jude Coyle

At the Thursday May 10, Palos Hills City Council Committee Meeting, Mayor Gerald Bennett told the A. A. Stagg Special Olympic Basketball team that "You brought pride to your school and to Palos Hills." He spoke about Stagg's championship season.

Mayor Bennett then unveiled a giant orange sign which read 'A.A. Stagg High School, Home of the 2001 Illinois Special Olympics Basketball Champions.' He promised to have the sign hung at the corner of 111th and Roberts Road, where all signs proclaiming winning sports teams hang now. Team members and parents cheered.

According to Coaches Dave Henry and Cathy Harper, this is a very enthusiastic team. Parents and team members alike cheered through a

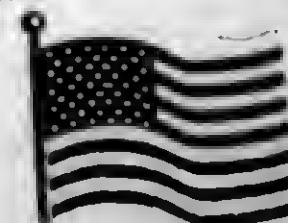
14 game season. They began training in December, and finished up in March. Opponents included Special Olympic High School teams from Hickory Hills, Joliet and other area schools. According to Coaches, there are approximately 80 high schools throughout the State of Illinois participating in Special Olympics.

Stagg's Special Olympic basketball team topped off their season on March 9. They traveled to Illinois State University at Bloomington for two days of State competition. The final game was against Addison Trail. Stagg won by a score of 52 to 34.

According to Coach Henry, team members are part of Stagg High School's Special Education Program. They range from freshmen through seniors. Although this is the first time that a Stagg

team has done this well, Coach Henry explained that Stagg had sent two individuals to international competition. One competed in swimming and another in track and field.

At the proceedings on May 9, Mayor Bennett and Alderman Frank Williams presented plaques to each coach and team member. The coaches are Sharon Chorzempa, Cathy Harper, and Dave Henry. Players are Robert Balok, Nick Brozek, Laura Cerny, Paul Ciolino, Tasha Drymiller, Cortney Johnson, Stacey Karides, Nicole Kirk, Shilpa Murthy, Michael Ryan, Stacey Swieringa, Melissa Tan, and Frank Velez.



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## Dismissed officer files Federal lawsuit against O.L. Police Chief, Commission

By F.J. Soczek

Oak Lawn Police Chief James Houk, along with Captain Terrence Vorderer, Lieutenant Thomas Simon, Lieutenant Frank Raglione and Police Commission members John Friel, William Egan and Robert Banas were named in a lawsuit filed in the United States District Court by dismissed police officer Carlos Panthera.

The complaint charges Panthera was denied his rights under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, which guarantees an individual's right to speak out on matters of public concern without unjust retaliation.

Also noted in the complaint was the assertion that Panthera had been victimized based on membership in a certain class of individuals.

As a result of the latter disparate treatment, the lawsuit further alleges Carlos Panthera was treated differently than other similarly suited individuals, and subjected to intentional and arbitrary discrimination undertaken with "malice, willfulness and reckless indifference."

The departmental animosity toward Panthera appears to have accelerated following a June 28, 2000 alarm call at the Service Merchandise retail store on Cicero Ave.

The establishment had been subjected to several break-in incidents in the recent past prior to the 1:41 a.m. arrival of OLPD Lieutenant Raglione and Officer Carlos Panthera.

In his hearing testimony, Officer Panthera stated Lt. Raglione "jeopardized his (Panthera's) safety by not searching the inside of the store more quickly."

He further noted Supervisor Raglione "was being flirtatious with a female store employee and was giving her 'goo goo eyes' which caused undue delay in the search."

Panthera thereafter reported his objections to another Supervisor and was subsequently accused of "insubordination."

The latter charge resulted from Panthera's earnest search of the premises while Lt. Raglione escorted an unarmed civilian through a potentially dangerous environment.

Raglione had instructed Panthera to wait in one

place while he searched the store with the employee.

Panthera was soon removed from his regular duties and assigned to perform routine clerical "research" in an isolated part of the police station.

Carlos Panthera was additionally charged with "disloyalty" after he allegedly spoke with a prisoner in the lock-up who had been subjected to pepper spray by another officer.

Hearing transcripts state Panthera suggested to the accused the latter treatment was unwarranted.

Panthera was thus charged with violation of Section 15.8 of the Police rules.

"Loyalty to the Department and to associates is an important factor in Departmental morale and efficiency."

But somehow, the very next line of the rule was strangely ignored.

"Loyalty, consistent with the law and one's personal ethics."

Is it wrong to adhere to one's "personal ethics" (and the law as well), at the expense of possibly exposing official misconduct?

Or is it preferable (in order to maintain one's employment) to "look the other way..." for the sake of Departmental solidarity?

According to those who sat in judgement upon his actions, Carlos Panthera clearly made the wrong decision.

And it cost him his job.

The sense of haste and urgency involving Carlos Panthera's dismissal was certainly incongruous with the nearly year long "investigation" of his professional demeanor.

Indeed, the justice and propriety on the part of the hand-selected "Commission" causes one to

question why Commissioner Robert Banas passed Kafkaesque judgement via a speaker phone while, apparently engrossed in more important endeavors.

A young man's future and livelihood was at stake.

Commissioner Robert Banas was on vacation.

## Joseph auditions to be held at Oakview Center

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre group has announced a casting call for the second musical of its 12th season: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. All auditions will be held at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th Street, in Oak Lawn. Children ages seven through 12 are invited to audition on Monday, June 11, from 7:30 pm to 10:00

pm. Adults and children 13 years and older can audition on Tuesday, June 12, and Wednesday, June 13, from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Call backs, if necessary, will be held on Thursday, June 14.

Interested individuals are encouraged to come prepared to the auditions ready to sing a song from the musical and to dance in proper attire, says Julie Ryan, the park district's

superintendent of recreation.

*Joseph* will run at the Oak View Center for three continuous weekends: Aug. 3-5, Aug. 9-12, and Aug. 16-19. All shows will begin at 8 pm and Sundays will include a 3 pm matinee. Tickets for August shows will be available at the Oak View Center beginning Saturday, June 2. Prices are \$16, Adults; \$15, Senior; \$14, Children.



## Brother Rice announces summer sports

Brother Rice High School, 10001 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago, has announced the schedules for its summer sports camps.

**Boys Camps:** Three one week sessions, June 11-15, 18-22 and June 25-29; Boys ages 6-11; contact Dan Dwyer.

**Football Camp:** June 11-15; two sessions - boys in grades 5-8, 10:30 am to noon; incom-

ing Br. Rice freshman, 6:00 to 8:30 pm; contact Steve Nye.

**Baseball Camp:** Two sessions, June 11-15 for boys in grades 3-8, June 18-22 for incoming Br. Rice freshman, contact Tim Lyons.

**Soccer Camp:** June 21-29; Boys and girls in grades 1-8; contact Nick Markulin.

**Wrestling Camp:** June 25-July 6; Grade School Camp for Boys; contact Tim Lahart.

**Basketball Camp:** Two

sessions, July 9-13 and July 16-20; Boys in grades 5-incoming Br. Rice freshmen; contact Pat Richardson.

**Volleyball Camp:** Two sessions, July 23-27 and July 30-August 3; Boys in grades 5-incoming Br. Rice freshmen; contact Br. Paul Ickes.

All contact persons can be reached at Brother Rice at 773-779-3410 between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm any school day.

## Brosnahan recognizes Brother Rice Hockey

State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) recently presented an Illinois House Resolution to the Brother Rice High School 2000-2001 Hockey team for winning the Chicago Catholic League Kennedy Cup. Brosnahan, a 1981 alumnus of Brother Rice, recognized the team for their overall team record of 30 wins, 9 losses and 6 ties and for winning the regular season Catholic League championship. Pictured with Brosnahan (center) is members of the Brother Rice hockey team.



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## Focus on safety nets Moraine Valley award, grant

An excellent working relationship to ensure a safe and healthy work place at Moraine Valley has resulted in the 186-member Support Staff Association earned a commendation from the American Federation of Teachers.

In addition to receiving the Workers Memorial Day Award, the association has been awarded a \$2,500 grant to expand its safety educa-

tional activities.

For more information, phone Barbara Dargis, College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742.

"The union and the administration have a very good working relationship

with regard to the health and safety of employees," Rose Sakanis, union president said.

*Don't miss an issue!*

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## Make a smooth transition to college at Moraine Valley

Summer is the perfect opportunity to get a head start on the fall semester.

Moraine Valley has a course designed to help students adjust to college and to develop the skills necessary to be successful in college. College Introduction covers study strategies, decision making, and encourages setting college and career goals.

Choose from the following dates and times for the summer semester:

\*Section 01 meets Mondays, 8-9:50 a.m. for eight weeks, beginning June 11.

\*Section 40 meets Fridays, 8-11:50 a.m. for four weeks, beginning June 11. (Enrollment limited to students planning to enroll in one of the following career programs: Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, Health Information Technology, Radiologic Technology and Medical Laboratory Technology.)

\*Section 41 meets Tuesdays, 8-11:50 a.m. for four weeks beginning June 11. (Limited to students planning to enroll in health career programs mentioned under section 40.)

\*Section 43 meets Mondays, 8-11:50 a.m. for four weeks, beginning June 11.

\*Section 50 meets Mondays, 8-11:50 a.m. for four weeks, beginning July 9. (Limited to students planning to enroll in health career programs mentioned under section 40.)

\*Section 02 meets Tuesdays, 9-10:50 a.m., for eight weeks, beginning June 11.

\*Section 04 meets Fridays, 9-10:50 a.m. for eight weeks, beginning June 11.

\*Section 03 meets Thursdays, noon-1:50 p.m. for eight weeks, beginning June 11. (Limited to students planning to enroll in health career programs mentioned under section 40.)

\*Section 60 meets Wednesdays, 6-7:50 p.m. for eight weeks, beginning June 11.

\*Section 61 meets Thursdays, 6-7:50 p.m. for eight weeks beginning June 11. (Limited to students planning to enroll in health career programs mentioned under section 40.)

\*Section 42 meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-8:20 p.m. for four weeks, beginning June 11.

\*Section 51 meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-8:20 p.m. for four weeks, beginning July 9.

Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Students also can register by phone with an operator by calling (708) 974-2110 (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Previously admitted students can also register online via the college's Web site, [www.moraine.cc.il.us](http://www.moraine.cc.il.us), or by touch-tone phone at (708) 974-5400.

Information on all classes is available in the summer 2001 class schedule or online at [www.moraine.cc.il.us](http://www.moraine.cc.il.us).

## Annual Fathers' Day Buffet at Lamb's Farm

The annual Fathers' Day Buffet at the Country Inn Restaurant of Lambs Farm has a new twist this year. Taking place on June 17, 2001, the Country Inn Restaurant will bring out the grills and feature a variety of farmland specialties -- cookout style -- in a tribute to dad on this special day. Dad will love the wide selection of hearty country menu items including barbecue chicken, savory rib tips, charcoal brats, juicy hamburgers and plump hot dogs. Also featured will be an abundance of delicious side items, and country desserts from the Bakery Nook of Lambs Farm.

The buffet will be served from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm with a price of \$12.95 for adults and \$5.95 for children ages 2 to 10 with children under age 2 free. After relaxing he Country Inn Restaurant, visitors can enjoy a day at Lambs Farm and challenge dad to a game of mini-golf at the Farmyard or take him for a ride on the miniature train along Lambs Lake! Lambs Farm is located on Route 176 off I-94 in Libertyville. Seatings available at 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm, and 4 pm. For reservations or information, call 847-362-5050.



John G. Donahue

## Moraine Valley appoints director

John G. Donahue, Chicago, has been appointed director of the Job Placement Center at Moraine Valley Community College. He previously served as the director of the Career Center at Canisius College in Buffalo, New York. He earned a master's degree in civil engineering at the University of Detroit.

For more information, phone Mark Horstmeier, Director of College and Community Relations at (708)974-5275.

## Sheriff's Police to boost patrols in area cemeteries

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan Friday issued a public safety alert warning citizens to use extra caution when visiting gravesites on summer holidays when visitation to area cemeteries is at its highest.

Effective this weekend, Cook County Sheriff's Police will step up patrols in cemeteries in an effort to raise visibility and discourage any potential property crimes. Regular squad car patrols will be augmented by use of the department's motorcycle patrol and bicycle patrol units for closer contact and easier interaction with cemetery visitors. Cook County Sheriff's Police patrol the majority of cemeteries in Cook County because they are located in unincorporated areas.

Sheahan recommended that cemetery visitors follow these guidelines:

\*Lock all car doors and do

not leave any valuables in plain view inside the automobile.

\*Lock purses and other valuables in the trunk while visiting gravesites.

\*Do not make yourself a target by carrying your purse to the gravesite.

\*Avoid visiting the cemetery alone.

\*Note your surroundings before exiting the vehicle. Report any suspicious vehicles or activity to the cemetery attendant or police.

In addition to extra patrols, Sheahan said his community service department will be circulating bulletins at businesses and community centers to raise citizen awareness. The department will distribute bulletins at cemeteries, funeral homes, floral shops, village halls, senior centers and other locations where they can be posted and viewed by persons who regularly visit cemeteries.

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# Oak Lawn picnics in the park Free immunizations at St. Xavier

Celebrate summer the simple way with the Oak Lawn Park District with its inaugural Picnics in the Parks program during the month of June. Every Thursday at noon in June, the park district will feature free family entertainment at a different park around Oak Lawn.

"We hope area residents will bring their picnic lunches, enjoy the nice weather and stay for our free entertainment," says Julie Ryan, the park district's superintendent of recreation.

The June 7 picnic will be held at Centennial Park--93rd Street and Nashville Avenue--and will feature carnival games, a clown, balloons and face painting. Memorial Park--102nd Street and Major Avenue--will be the site of the June 14 picnic with a pie-eating contest, sack races and other traditional picnic games. On June 21, Lakeshore Park--96th Street and Lakeshore Avenue--will feature a speaker on the wildlife found in the Oak-Lawn area. Kids are encouraged to

bring their own stuffed critters to this picnic. The last Picnic in the Park will be held June 28 at the Wolfe Wildlife Refuge--109th Street and Laramie Avenue--with a theme of outdoor fitness. Picnic goers should be ready to hike, bike or rollerblade around the park after lunch, says Ryan.

For more information on this special program, or other programs offered by the Oak Lawn Park District this summer, please call (708)857-2225 info@plparks.com.

Saint Xavier University and the Chicago Department of Health will be offering immunizations from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm on Tuesday, June 19 at the Nursing Center at Saint Xavier, 3700 W. 103rd St. in Chicago.

Immunizations available include Prevnar, Chickenpox, DTP, DT, Hib, MMR, Polio, and Hepatitis B. Hepatitis B immunizations will be available for children who have not reached

their 19th birthday. Free early childhood developmental screening will also be available for children ages 6 months to 3 years.

No appointments will be taken and patients will be seen in order of arrival. Limited parking is available. All parents must present immunization records for their children. If you cannot find these records, please contact your physician for a copy.

No child will be seen without these records.

A donation of \$10 per family is requested. This donation allows Saint Xavier to continue offering programs like this through the Nursing Center. The primary concern, however, is that of the health of your family and no one will be denied service.

For further information, call 773-298-3731 or 773-298-3712.

## Order Sons of Italy to meet in convention

The Order Sons of Italy in America, State of Illinois will meet in their 39th Biennial State Convention on Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24, 2001 at the Clock Tower Resort in Rockford, Illinois.

State President Giovanna Verdecchia of Chicago Heights will conduct the proceedings. State Officers, Chapter Presidents and Delegates throughout the State of Illinois will be in attendance as well as National Officers of the Order Sons of Italy in America.

Delegates are expected to vote on matter pertaining to their

bylaws and hear reports on the financial, administrative and philanthropic status of the State during the past two years. Conclusion of the Proceedings will be on Sunday with the election of State Officers for the 2001-2003 Term.

General Chairperson of the Convention is Marie Marsalli of Kankakee. Committee members are James T. Di Pietra, Kankakee; Richard R. Della Croce, Orland Park; Frank Volpentesta, Evergreen Park and Trudy Poljak, Chicago.

The Order Sons of Italy in America established in 1905 is

the largest organization of men and women of Italian heritage in the U.S. and Canada and has a membership of 560,000 nationwide.

## Marist Recipients

Sponsored by Founders Bank, the following incoming freshmen were named Red Hawk Scholars for the 2001-2002 school year:

Patrick Condron (Oak Lawn), Joseph Thompson (Palos Heights) and Brent Mavity (Midlothian). These scholarship recipients were among the top test takers

## Viverito announces project exile for

The Village of Stickney will spearhead a new program targets felons possessing firearms illegally thanks to efforts led by State Senators Louis S. Viverito (D-Burbank) and Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park). The Village became the first in the state to start enforcing Project Exile; a policy aimed at deterring crimes using firearms.

Project Exile was initiated by the U.S. Attorney's office in Richmond, Virginia to curtail gun violence that had long plagued the Virginian City. Taking advantage of stiffer bond rules and sentencing guidelines in federal court, all felons with guns, guns/drug cases and gun/domestic violence cases in Richmond were federally pros-

## project exile for

ecuted. The Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence and the Illinois State Crime Commission supports Project Exile.

The program is the product of cooperation with several federal, state and local agencies working toward the reduction of

## Fibromyalgia Support Group

The Fibromyalgia Support Group will meet promptly at 7:00 pm, Thursday, June 21, 2001, at the Oak Lawn Library, 9427 S. Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn. Come and share with us your feelings and how you cope with Fibromyalgia, call Colette at: 708-857-7478.

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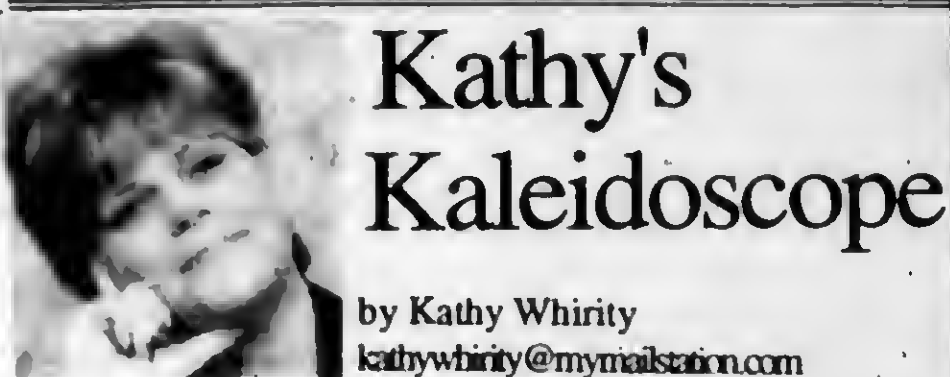
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## Kathy's Kaleidoscope

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### The Good Father

There is an old saying that goes something like this: "Anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a daddy."

When his eyes looked upon his first born child, his heart overflowed with love. The moment had finally come after five long years of hopeful anticipation. Now as he cradled this precious gift of life in his arms, he whispered softly into his new daughter's ear, "Hi, I'm your daddy."

In the years to follow he would live up to the name, for his devotion to family would become his world.

At first she called him dad-da, and the sound of it played like music to his ears. It was dad-da she'd call out to in the middle of the night when midnight storms caused her to wake up scared. Dad-da would reassure his little darling that the angels were just bowling, and she'd smile as he'd tuck her into bed.

Throughout chicken pox, strep throat, and scraped knees, his patience was always a constant comforting force to his family.

Soon, daddy became the name of choice by the toothless grin of his little sweetie pie. It was daddy who built sandcastles at the beach for her, and who brought a whimsical art of play to her childhood. At times he could be like a kid himself.

His little girl cheered him on when he took a running start down the ship and slid, and almost broke his neck, which caused his wife to yell at him to act his age. But deep inside she welcomed his boyish charm and his ability to turn ordinary times into special events.

He answered to the name dad when a young woman traded bicycles for car keys. Some nights he'd sit in his favorite chair, waiting for her to come home, remembering when she was daddy's little girl.

Her childhood is but a memory that now lives quietly in the corner of her father's heart. Like any good father, he has high hopes for his beloved children. He combines two jobs to pay tuition bills and finance family vacations, but he never complains. At the end of a long and weary day, he comes through the door with a cheerful smile, happy to be home with his family.

Their paths don't cross as often as he'd like, but their are occasions when his almost grown daughter will reach over and whisper in his ear, "I love you daddy."

These are the words that tell a man he's a good father. They can also bring tears to a grown man's eyes.

Happy Fathers' Day!!!



## Schools Donate Pennies for Lincoln

Students from Korea's School of Palos Hills visits the Pennies for Lincoln box during their "Bank at School" tour.

Founders Bank, along with St. George School, Galloway Elementary School, Hannum Elementary School, Trinity Lutheran School, Minooka District 201 and Grassroots Homeschool have teamed up to donate \$1381.61 in pennies to the building of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. The "Pennies for Lincoln" program was spearheaded by the Office of Illinois' First Lady Lura Lynn Ryan and the Illinois Bankers Association and aimed at helping elementary school children raise money toward establishing the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Children's Museum.

This campaign recreated the "Pennies" campaign of the 1940s when Illinois school children donated pennies to help purchase the Horner Collection, which

subsequently became the nucleus of the unparalleled Lincoln collection in Illinois. The Horner Collection will be a major part of the new Presidential Library and Museum.

The Children's Museum which will be called "Mrs. Lincoln's Attic," is a 1,100 sq. ft. educational play area for younger children and will feature historic clothing,

oversized toys such as Lincoln Logs and a dollhouse representing the Lincoln Home. The area will also feature activities that demonstrate the way children lived, played and learned in Lincoln's era. The children's area is part of a 198,000 sq. ft. \$115 million library and museum complex covering a two-square block area in downtown Springfield.

## American Legion Post 419

Attention veterans of all wars and conflicts. The James J. Zientek Post #419, American Legion is now accepting new members and transferees as well as Veterans from all other Veteran organizations. We offer many benefits to our members and are constantly working to protect and preserve the rights and benefits our veterans earned through service to their country in time of war.

The Post holds its monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at the Rhine Post Hall, located at 5858 S. Archer Avenue at 7:00 pm.

Come down and experience The American Legion in action. Refreshments are served after our meetings.

To answer any questions please contact Joe Papalaski, Senior Vice Commander, 773-767-3909.



## Hawkinson Ford of Oak Lawn has achieved Ford Motor Company's President's Award

Every year Ford Motor Company honors Dealerships who have gone above and beyond their customers' expectations with the President's Award, its most prestigious honor. What makes this award even more significant is that customers are the judges. Through a comprehensive survey, customers rate dealers on the basis of their sales, service and overall ownership experience.

This year, 340 Dealerships out of more than 5,000 were awarded this high honor. "It's a thrill to receive this recognition from our customers," says Hawkinson Fords owner, William Hawkinson.

"Making sure our customers are happy is what everyone who works here strives for. And it takes real teamwork to make it happen. From the people who answer our phones to our sales staff to our technicians, everyone plays a part in customer satisfaction. I couldn't be more proud of our staff. They're the reason we have won this award," emphasizes William Hawkinson.



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## MILITARY NEWS

Air National Guard Airman Barbara J. Freitag has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who

complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Joseph Ehrenhaft of Burbank.

Freitag is a 1995 graduate of Reavis High School, Burbank. She received a bachelor's degree in 2000 from Vandercook College of Music in Chicago.

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## Rummage and Bake Sale

Pilgrim Faith Church, 9411 South 51st Avenue in Oak Lawn, will hold a Rummage and Bake Sale on Friday, June 15 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Saturday, June 16 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come and choose from hundreds of items including furniture, luggage, books, toys, clothing, kitchen equipment, etc. While you are shopping, be sure to stop by the Bake Sale table for some mouth watering treats baked by the ladies of the church. Proceeds will sponsor the Sr. Youth Mission Trip to Harlan, Kentucky.

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Official Entry Forms can be obtained at your local Accent retailer or online at [www.accentspices.com](http://www.accentspices.com). Entries must be postmarked by August 17, 2001.

## Marist Band announces officers

Frank Manna, Director of Bands at Marist High School announced the new Student Band Officers for the 2001-2002 school year. The following individuals were elected: President, Richard Facko (Palos Heights), Vice President, Patrick Redden (Alsip) and Officers Michael Lill (Alsip), Timothy Johnson (Evergreen Park), Joseph Cortese (Palos Park), William Flavin (Palos Heights), Leo Fitzgerald (Chicago) and Ryan Coe (Tinley Park). Congratulations to these newly elected officers!

## Evita coming soon

Season tickets for *Evita* are now on sale for \$50.00. Show dates and times are:

Thursday, June 7, 8 pm  
Friday, June 1 & 8, 8 pm  
Saturday, June 2 & 9, 8 pm  
Sun., June 3 & 10, 3 & 8 pm

Performance will be at the Oakview Center, 4625 W. 110th Street in Oak Lawn. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$15 for Seniors and \$14 for Children, Season Tickets are \$50.00.

For tickets or more information call Oakview Center, 708-857-2200.

## Late Night Catechism a Benefit for Paula Ulatoski

You are invited to join the friends of Paula Ulatoski on Saturday, June 9, 2001 as they host a performance of "Late Nite Catechism," a play that will entertain all ages! The proceeds from the ticket sales will assist Paula Ulatoski, a lifetime Oak Lawn resident who is a heart transplant patient struggling to meet the cost of her continued medical treatment and living expenses. She has no immediate family and has not been able to return to work since her unfortunate circumstances began last September.

The performance will be held at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home located at 5570 W. 95th Street in Oak Lawn at 7:00 pm. Refreshments and a raffle will follow the play. Tickets are \$30 per person for this enjoyable evening. To purchase tickets or for more information, please call the friends of Paula Ulatoski at 708-636-7800.

## Learn the nature of business at Moraine

Moraine Valley offers and introduction to business course that provides students an opportunity to develop concepts, attitudes and ideas about the nature of business and the environment in which it operates.

\* Introduction to Business (Bus 100-01) meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8-9:50 a.m.

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\* Introduction to Business (Bus 100-80) is a telecourse with limited class time and requires considerable independent study. Meeting dates: Wednesdays, June 13, 20, 27; July 11, 25, 6-7:50 p.m.

\* Introduction to Business (Bus 100-84) in an online course. Students must attend an orientation meeting on June 13 at 6 p.m., or contact the instructor.

Tuition in \$49 per credit hour plus books and fees. Registration is underway.

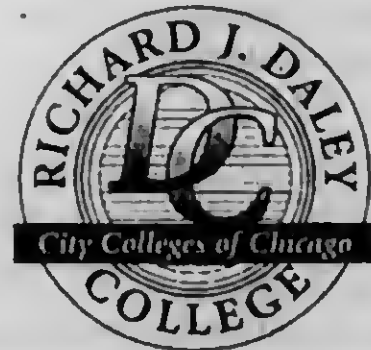
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### EPCHS students tour Little Company of Mary

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The Lions Club Quest, a class for students to learn ways to promote community service and appreciate the benefits of

community fundraising, held a charity volleyball game pitting students and EP police officers against the faculty and staff. Not only did the game bring together the students, the EP Police Department and the High School faculty and staff, it raised money for Little Company's new Cancer Center.

After the class presented a check for \$452 to the Center, students toured the new facilities — including a state of the art linear accelerator and simulators for use in radiation therapy; eight private, sunlit chemotherapy treatment bays; a community resource library; and the Serenity Room (for meditation and reflection).

### Little Company Holds Huff and Puff Club for Respiratory Sufferers

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers invites people with respiratory problems -- and their family members -- to a free, monthly educational and social gathering of The Huff and Puff Club.

The meetings are at the Mary Potter Physicians Pavilion, 2850 W. 95th Street in Evergreen Park, on the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Free valet parking is available.

In addition to peer support and socializing, each gathering features a presentation by a Little Company health expert. Upcoming sessions feature:

\* **June 7** - "The Ins and Outs of Breathing with Nancy Brown, R.R.T., of Respiratory Therapy

\* **July 5** - "Stressless Living" with Anne Bartolotta, R.N., (A light lunch will be served.)

\* **August 2** - "Your Diet and Lung Disease" with Lisa Micetich, R.D., of Food and Nutrition Services

\* **September 6** - "Atrial Fibrillation and Lung Disease" with Cardiologist T. Paul O'Donovan, M.D.

Refreshments and fellowship follow each meeting. For more information, call Michelle at (708) 422-6200, ext 5530.

### Cancer center plans life enrichment program

The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers invites the community to an evening of reflection led by Sister Deborah Conley, L.C.M., on Tuesday, June 12 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

The evening will take place in meeting room M1 of The Cancer Center, 2800 W. 95th Street in Evergreen Park. Complimentary valet parking is available on California Avenue at 95th Street. Please call 708-229-6001 for reservations.

### Learn to communicate in Spanish at Moraine Valley

Moraine Valley offers several eight-week credit courses in Spanish this summer, beginning June 11.

Several courses are offered during the day:

\* **Spanish I (SPA 101-01)** meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8-10:20 a.m.

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\* **Spanish II (SPA 102-01)** meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8-10:20 a.m. *Prerequisite: SPA 101 or*

*two years of high school Spanish.*

Other courses are available in the evening:

\* **Spanish I (SPA 101-60)** meets Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8:10 p.m.

\* **Spanish I (SPA 101-61)** meets Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:20-10:30 p.m.

\* **Spanish II (SPA 102-60)** meets Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8:10 p.m. *Prerequisite: SPA101 or 2 years of high school Spanish.*

Tuition is \$49 per credit hour plus books and fees. Registration is underway.

Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Students also can register by phone with an operator by calling (708) 974-2110 (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556).

Information on all classes is available in the summer 2001 class schedule or online at [www.moraine.cc.il.us](http://www.moraine.cc.il.us).



## Moraine Valley to host high school theater camp this summer

Moraine Valley Community College will host a two week high school theater camp this summer.

The camp, for students entering grades 9 through 12, will take place Monday through Thursday, June 18 through 28, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. It will take place in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater, located in college's Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. In addition, a final performance showcase for all participants will take place Thursday, June 28, at 7:00 pm in the Oremus Theater.

The registration fee is \$225 and includes instruction, final performance showcase, and camp T-shirt. Enrollment is limited, and the registration deadline is Friday, June 1.

The camp is an exceptional theatrical experience for high school students of all abilities who are interested in improving their theatrical skills. Students will have the opportunity to work with experienced teachers who will offer instruction in a relaxing summer camp atmosphere.

Four days will be devoted to teaching the fundamentals of theater, including writing, directing, costume, lighting, makeup, stage design, and performance through developing a presentation based on an Australian creation myth. These activities will be taught by members of the Foundation Theatre Group, a professional theatrical group based in Frankfort

In addition, several workshops will take place throughout the camp. Improvisation and Movement will be taught by John LaFlamboy; Hand to Hand Stage Combat will be taught by R&D Choreography; Voice for the Stage will be taught by Patrick O'Brien Higgs

Students will be divided up into small groups, which will be responsible for the total performance of a portion of the myth. The final production will be performed for parents and friends at the showcase on Thursday, June 28. For more information call Margaret Hafer at 708-974-5393 or email her at hafer@moraine.cc.il.us.

## Consumer Tips to secure the best mortgage

As today's economy and interest rates fluctuate, many Illinois homeowners are considering a refinance or home equity loan and will be shopping for the best mortgage.

Homeowners should be knowledgeable and get the best loan for their needs. The Illinois Association of Mortgage Brokers (IAMB) offers eight tips to secure the best mortgage:

**\*Shop around and compare.** If you need to borrow money for home repairs, medical expenses or bill consolidation shop around with different brokers and lenders. Compare interest rates and find out what the total costs of the loan will be -- and your monthly payment -- before making a decision. Use the Good Faith Estimate from application to compare the loan terms.

**\*Negotiate.** Don't let the promise of extra cash or lower monthly payments get in the way of your good judgement about whether the cost you will pay for the loan is really worth it. Don't agree to a loan that includes extra products you don't want. Negotiate the loan terms and agree to a loan amount only for what you need

**\*Be cautious.** Be wary of anyone who calls you on the

**\*Read carefully before you sign.** Don't sign any document you haven't read or has blank spaces to be filled in after you sign. Don't be pressured into signing any loan papers that you do not understand. If you need an explanation of any terms or conditions, talk to someone you trust, such as a knowledgeable family member or attorney. Get copies of everything you sign.

**\*Can the payment change.** Make sure you ask if the monthly payment can change at anytime during the repayment process, and if so, when and by how much.

**\*Borrow only the amount you need and can afford to repay.** Just because you qualify for a certain amount of money doesn't mean you can afford to pay it back. Determine exactly how much money you need, borrow only that amount, and find out exactly how much you will have to repay every month... and make sure you will have enough money left over to pay your other bills.

**\*Immediately get help if you have been victimized.**

Contact your county office of consumer affairs or your state Attorney General's Office.

phone, solicits you in the mail or comes to your door offering "bargain loans." Beware of claims that the offer is only available for a short time. Beware of lenders claiming "bad credit -- no problem." If the loan seems to good to be true, it probably is.

**\*Never act immediately.** Never pay a lender cash for any fees, and always make the check payable to the lender, not the individual loan officer. Say "no" to lenders who ask for upfront fees allegedly to cover a first loan payment and other expenses as part of the application.

**\*Understand the terms of your loan.** Some loans may sound very attractive because the monthly payment is small. But beware, it may require a big "balloon" payment at the end of the loan period. Make sure you know the dollar amount of each monthly payment.

**\*Don't be afraid to ask questions.** You have a legal right to know the total cost of the loan, the annual percentage rate (APR), the

monthly payments, and how long you have to pay back the loan. If you are unsure of any terms of the loan, ask. If you don't get an answer, go elsewhere for your financing needs.

## Library Displays for June 2001

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host an exhibit from the Oak Lawn Garden Club and a private collection of postcards in their first floor community display cases throughout the month of June.

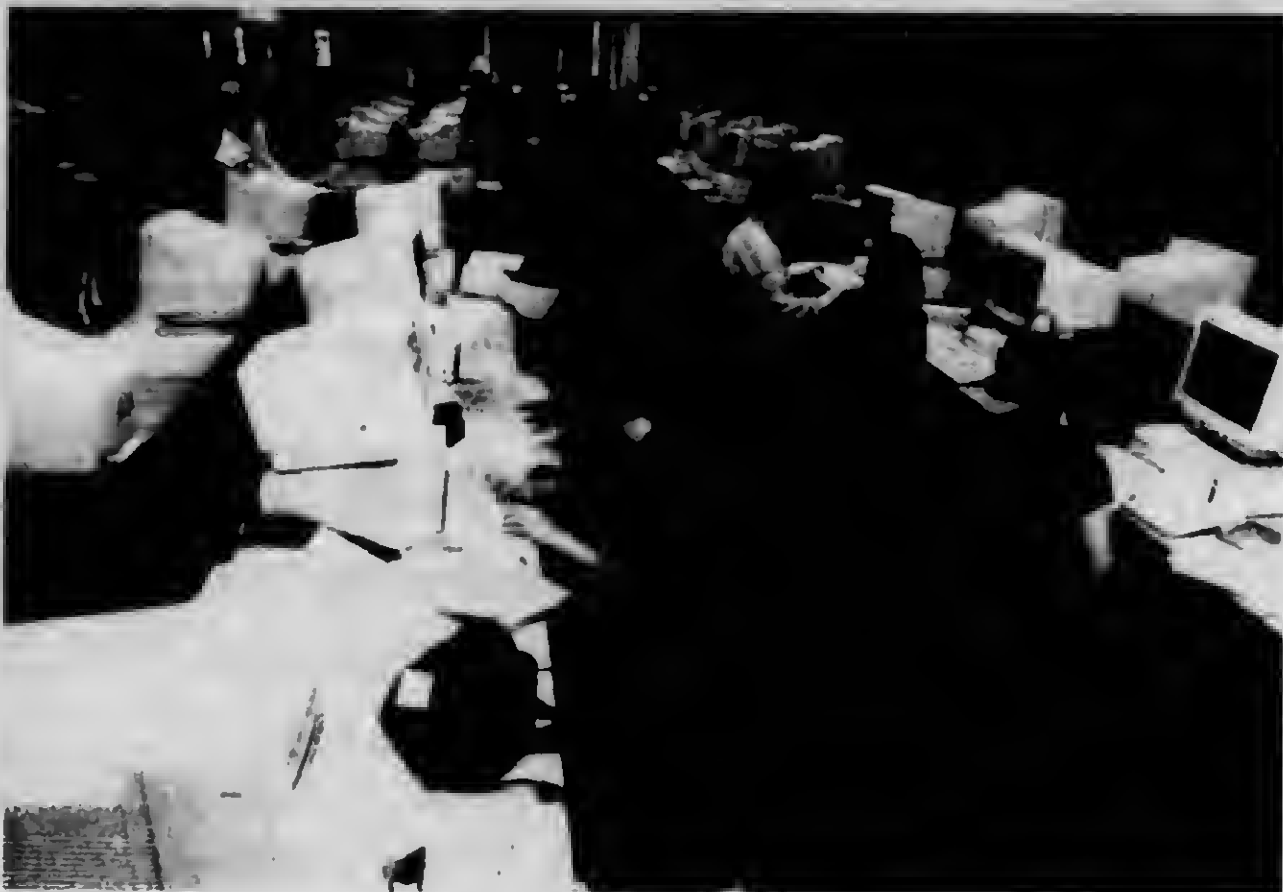
Individuals and local community groups interested in exhibiting special collections, activities and creative works at the library may pick up a display case application at their Receptions Booth, first floor.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.



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# Brodemus on quest to preserve prairie

by Jude Coyle

John Brodemus grew up in Oak Lawn at 92nd and Massasoit. He said, "I could actually say, 'Hey, Mom, I'm going to play in the prairie.'" In the late '50's and early '60's, quite a bit of prairie and neglected farm land still existed where a child could play, take time to learn about the plant life that grew on the prairie, and develop a life long appreciation of his environment.

Mr. Brodemus explained that Illinois was originally covered by ecotone prairie. That is a prairie / forest type of ecosystem. He described how the natives used to burn back the prairie. This cleared the ground of most trees, unnecessary grasses, and provided fertile soil for planting. Today, prairies are burned for the same reasons, but also to help remove Eurasian plants.

Unfortunately, most prairie land has been lost to urbanization. "If you could take all of the natural prairies left in Illinois," Brodemus said, "And fit it into Oak Lawn, you'd have room left over."

Brodemus graduated from Oak Lawn H.S. in 1967, attended the University of Illinois at Champaign, where he majored in biology. He began teaching at Oak Lawn High School in the fall of 1973.

This story begins in 1974, when Mr. Brodemus had two hours left towards his Masters. He was attending the National College of Education, and took a course taught by Lou Mule on Prairie Ecology.

Part of this course provided 'hands on' experience. At that time there were still a number of sites in the Southwest Suburbs. Mr. Brodemus became interested in a 30 acre site called the Chicago Ridge Prairie. It was located about Ridgeland School, from 107th to the railroad tracks. Parts of it can still be seen west of Central between Menard and Austin.

As part of the Chicago Ridge Bicentennial Committee, he worked to preserve this particular site. He described how he had spoken to a men's group in Orland

about his efforts. "The very next day," Mr. Brodemus said, "Seventeen acres were plowed under. My next step was to beat the bulldozers."

Mr. Brodemus organized volunteers, and rushed back to the Chicago Ridge site. "Replanting prairie is not easy," he explained. The soil had to be dug up in chunks. He and his volunteers carried bushel baskets off the site with two or 3 feet of ground in each. They gathered seeds, and they replanted.

The site chosen for replanting was a chunk of prairie behind Oak Lawn High School. This was farm land until the '40's, and still surrounded in spots by fencing. Although prairie management techniques, such as burning, have not been implemented, the land has returned to a natural state.

It was purchased by H.S. District 229 in the late '60's with the intent of expanding present facilities if needed.

The next step taken was to scratch or 'scarify' the seeds gathered, and to refrigerate them throughout the

winter. This, Mr. Brodemus explained, would simulate winter on the prairie.

When spring arrived, the seed was scattered about the O.L.H.S. prairie. Their efforts paid off.

More than that, Oak Lawn High School, with the help of teacher Evelyn Maloney, modified their curriculum, replacing physical sciences with environmental sciences. Teachers were encouraged to take their students on field trips during the year, and to utilize the prairie behind the school as an educational resource.

The curriculum was again redefined after Mr. Brodemus left O.L.H.S.'s employment in 1989.

Once more John Brodemus, now employed by Richards High School as physical sciences and chemistry teacher, hopes to save prairie land. School District 229 plans to use the prairie to expand their playing fields. Hopes to have the State of Illinois declare this land as prairie and protect it from development were dashed because this site is

not large to create enough interest in saving it. Hopefully, if some of the plant life proved to be rare, maybe someone would take another look at it.

Knowing that, Mr. Brodemus wrote to the Southtown in January, describing a plant he remembered seeing from time to time. It is called a white lady slipper orchid. This is listed on the Illinois endangered species list. It blooms for a short period, usually during the first two weeks of May.

He feels 99% certain that this particular plant came from the Chicago Ridge Prairie, although he is not sure whether this was transplanted, or if the seed had been gathered from there.

Since then, he has been contacted by the head of the Science Department at O.L.H.S., and by the outgoing superintendent. He has asked to be allowed to speak before H.S. District 229 Board of Education, but was denied.

"There are many forms of recreation besides sports," John Brodemus said.


"There's gardening, bird watching, etc. And there's the nature sanctuary behind Richards."

He passed on a couple of quotes he felt defined his cause. The first came from Henry David Thoreau. "We judge riches according to the number of things we can afford to leave alone."

The second comes from the Book of Isaiah. "Woe unto them that lay house unto house and field unto field, until there be no place where man can stand alone in the midsts of the earth."



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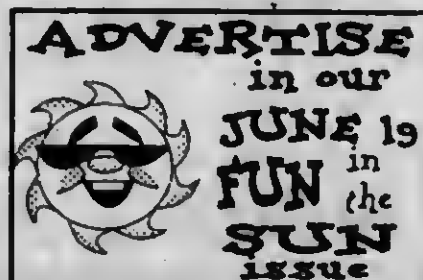
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## Chinese delegation visits Justice

A delegation of health care professionals from China's Jinshan Central Hospital as well as from the Fundan University in the Jinshan district of Shanghai visited Forest MedSurg (formerly Mercy Medical Justice) this month.

The Chinese healthcare professionals wanted to learn about the operation and management of Forest MedSurg Center, at 81st and Kean Avenue. Through an interpreter, Dr. Ted Christou, a physician at the center for 15 years, guided the tour and answered questions concerning the organization, staffing, and priorities involved in running a free standing clinic. The visiting physicians were familiar with much of the technology and pointed out differences in how a person's medical treatment center with a focus on outpatient care was novel to the group. The contingent reviewed office arrangements, the physical therapy department, the laboratory, the pharmacy, operating rooms and recovery rooms and were also shown on the x-ray and ultrasound areas.

The delegation had very specific questions concerning the service area of Forest Medical; which for 25 years

has served the communities of Argo, Bedford Park, Bridgeview, Chicago Ridge, Countryside, Darien, Hickory Hills, Justice, LaGrange, Palos Hills, Summit, and Willow Springs. Many questions involved efficient staffing, patient satisfaction, physician hours and, surprisingly, how HMO's as well as traditional reimbursements affect the care and services to patients. Dr. Christou emphasized that "the facility is dedicated to providing comprehensive services for the community, and to keep the patients' welfare first."

The delegation included Dr. Wang Yunrong, Deputy Director of the Jinshan district, Shanghai; Dr. Wang Weiqun, Association Chief Physician from Jinshan Central Hospital; and Drs. Shen Yu-ming and Wu Zhengwei, attending physicians from the Jinshan Clinics. Their visit was arranged by 21st Century Institute an Oak Brook based non profit organization that promotes international exchange programs between professionals in the United States and Asian countries. The institutes current focus involves the People's Republic of China.

At the tour's conclusion, Dr. Wang Yunrong presented Dr. Christou with a beautiful watercolor painted by local farmer in the Jinshan District.

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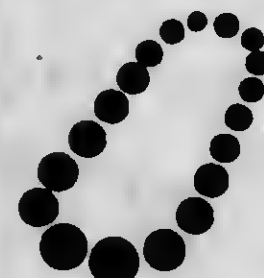
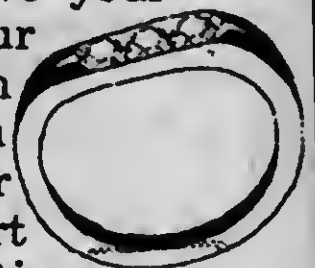
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## Summer camp registration Burbank Park District

Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is presently taking registration for Summer Camps. Camps will run from June 18 through August 3. The Full Day Camp for ages 6-14 years old is Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. (This camp is held at Oak Ridge School, 103rd St. and 88th Ave.) Tot Camp for ages 3-5 years old is Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Tot Camp will also offer 2 and 3 day options). The Tot Camp will be held at the Palos Hills Community Center, 8455 W. 103rd St. To ensure a spot in Camp register now at the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd St. For more information call (708) 430-4500.



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## Summer Learning Program at St. Albert

Once again St. Albert the Great School will be offering a three week program study in the two basic core areas for reading and math. The first session will focus on language arts. It consists of short readings, comprehension skills and review of English. The second session will focus on the four basic math skills. There will be emphasis on word problems and fractions. Depending on the student's ability the teacher will continue to focus on a review of the grade level material.

Summer Program 2001 Calendar:

June 11th through June 29th. Session 1, Language Arts, 9:00 to 10:30 am, 10:30 to 10:45 am Break with snacks. Session 2 Math 10:45 am to 12:15 pm.

The cost for the reading and math sessions will be \$75.00 for one class and \$130.00 for two classes. All fees are non-refundable. All payments need to be paid in cash or with a money order.

All registration and fees must be turned into the office by May 18th. Since class sizes are limited, full payment is due at the time of registration in order to guarantee a place for your child.

## Chicago Steppenwolf's production of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

The good news was the gala opening in New York for Chicago Steppenwolf's One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest Production.

It opened at the Royale Theater with a post-performance dinner at the Tavern on the Green in Central Park. The opening night audience on Sunday gave the cast a rousing ovation. They included such notables as Ron Howard, Regis Philbin, Paul Sorvino, and Estelle Parsons. Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Parkway.

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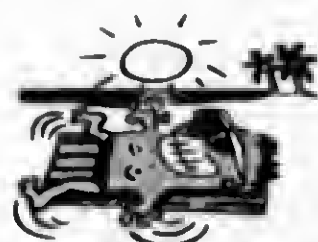
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# Suburban O'Hare group blasts practices

The Suburban O'Hare Commission is a council of governments representing about 1 million people living near O'Hare.

O'Hare has engaged in a consistent pattern of deception relating to the issues governing airport development in the region. Chicago has lied about demand and capacity and has engaged in what its own consultant called a "guerilla" campaign to stop development of the new airport. Chicago has lied and continues to lie about what its future development plans are for O'Hare.

Joining them in this deceit have been the major airlines dominating O'Hare. These airlines have joined with Chicago in a massive effort to kill the new regional airport, to prevent major new competition from entering the region, and to expand United and American's monopoly at O'Hare. Even now, the airlines and their allies -- e.g., the Civic Committee and the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and other -- are not telling the public any of the details of their plans are for the aviation needs of the region.

"Where do we go from here now that the evidences is public that Chicago and its allies have poisoned the well?" asked Geils. "We need to ask some hard questions, ones that few have posed to the city or the airline-sponsored Civic Committee, and which the city and the Civic Committee refuse to answer."

"Chicago hasn't answered these questions publicly, as the documents show, because Chicago doesn't like the answers. As the documents show, Chicago has stubbornly clung a policy to protect its political interests, to strengthen the duopoly control of O'Hare to benefit United and American airlines, and to disregard the economic interests of the region.

"So, I ask again, where do we go from here? If this were a perfect world, we would move ahead with the plans to build the south suburban airport as quickly as possible. We would keep O'Hare the vital economic engine it is, but not try to expand it beyond reasonable limits.

"But this is not a perfect world, so everyone -- Chicago, the Civic Committee,

the airlines, the state and every interested party -- must finally put their plans out on the table. We must begin a forthright and honest discussion. We must stop the secrecy and the lies. We must welcome input from all parties, especially those who are most affected by these decisions and who lack the resources and large tax bases and corporate profits provide.

"I repeat: We are not looking to shut down O'Hare, or even to make it less than the major global facility it is. We, of all people, recognize how important it is to the region's economy. But, please, let us

begin the difficult exercise of comparing the plans, fully and honestly. Then let the best one win."

"We now are reaping the harvest of decades of obfuscations and back-room dealing--the loss of Chicago as the nation's pre-eminent aviation transportation hub, the frustration of flight delays and cancellations, the excessively high cost of air fares, and the divisive political deadlock that has split out metropolitan community. Let us now go forward to engage in an honest debate, where everyone makes their interests, goals and visions clear. To talk of compromise or

engagement when one side's agenda is hidden and whole groups of people are targeted for marginalization is a recipe for failure. We believe that once that complete facts are known, the best course for the region will become clear."

## Dear Editor

I would like to thank the Village View and reporter F. J. Soczek, for having the integrity to print the story about the Bridgeview Pizza Bust. No other newspaper would even think of doing this story... Your article helped to let the residents know what is going on and also peaked the interest of a local TV channel, and for that we thank you.

Children are an important part of our lives and anyone doing unkind acts against them should be made accountable for their actions. Again thank you for caring.

Sincerely  
Dorothy Loos  
World Golf Dome  
Bridgeview



## Dear Editor

It isn't too often you get to witness a "public forum" that does not allow questions or discussion, and where the conclusion is predetermined, but that's what happened at a recent meeting organized by an outside Saul Alinsky group called United Power and held at a local, and I imagine unsuspecting, church in Palos Heights. Worse yet, the political agenda being promoted by prominent partisan and church leaders present was intertwined carefully throughout the meeting.

Sadly, once at the meeting and after a few patronizing sermons about legitimate issues people care about, men and women of good will were then treated to a blatant political rally promoting socialized medicine and bashing Senator Patrick O'Malley, an honorable legislator who has courageously fought to limit government taxing and spending, defended and promoted strong families, and moved to protect the lives of innocent babies through the Born Alive Infants Protection bills he sponsored in Spring-

field.

How amazing that some of the partisan legislators present or represented at this meeting, such as Senator Lisa Madigan and Representative Tom Dart, cannot bring

themselves to protect innocent life, but are anxious to forward an elitist agenda of "government will care for you," all the while deceiving and using people of faith. Our own south suburban Representative Maggie Crotty boldly stood shoulder to shoulder with them at this meeting. What happened to their usual "separation of church and state" mantra? I guess they think it's OK if it suits leftist propositions. It would be interesting to know

how much money has already been diverted from churches for this type of political organizing.

Sincerely  
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# Theatre Alive

by Georgan Fitzgerald

*Call Me Madam* the 1950 musical was written for Broadway's biggest star, Ethel Merman. It is set in two mythical countries, Lichtenburg and the United States and tells us the story of society hostess, Sally Adams, who has just been appointed the United States Ambassador to the Grand Duchy of Lichtenburg. JoAnn Worley who had made countless appearances on various television shows in-

cluding Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In stars in this production. Ovarions! the concert celebration of Great American musicals follows a format which features an orchestra on the stage with some of the actors holding scripts. This scenario is based on the life story of Perle Mesta.

She was an early supporter of Harry S. Truman, and a member of the finance committee for his 1948 cam-

paign. Rounding out a stellar cast is radio legend Roy Leonard who serves as narrator for the production. Dale Benson, one of Chicago's popular stage performers, is Congressman Wilkins. The ensemble case also includes some very credible actors: Jeanne Croft, Ray Frewen and Catherine Lord.



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*Driving Miss Daisy* is performed nine times weekly Wednesday through Sunday. Dining is required for all performances with a variety of menu choices depending upon when you attend. For tickets or additional information, call 1-800-477-9505, write to The Fireside at P.O. Box 7, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538, or visit their website at [www.firesidetheatre.com](http://www.firesidetheatre.com).

## Pheasant Run Theatre announces auditions

Auditions for *Jekyll and Hyde*, asking for 16 men and 8 women, ALL roles available, no roles have been pre-cast.

Saturday, June 9, 2001, 11:00 am to 8:00 pm in the Fine Arts Building, 410 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, 10th Floor; Monday, June 11, 2001, 11:00 am to 8:00 pm, Pheasant Run

Theatre, 4051 E. Main Street, St. Charles.

Call backs are Monday, June 18, 7 pm Principals; Tuesday, June 19, 7 pm Ensemble.

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## Bank at School Essay Contest

Pictured from left to right, sitting at table far left, Principal Kelly Flaskos, James Manikas, Basile Manikas, John and Athena Manikas, essay winner, Paraskevi D. Manikas and Topinka.

Before her schoolmates and teachers, with her parents waiting in the wings, Paraskevi Manikas, a fifth grader at Koraes School in Palos Hills, learned today that she had won the Bank at School essay contest sponsored by Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka.

The winner, announced by State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, has been kept a secret until 1:00 pm this afternoon. Manikas' winning essay, "Why is it important to save?" earned the fifth grader a \$100 savings bond and a \$250 Bright Start College Savings Scholarship. The es-

say contest was open to fourth through sixth graders and generated more than 2,000 entries.

Bank at School, which is administered by Topinka, links financial institutions and schools to the BAS program, which is designed to teach the fundamentals of money management and build financial skills. The program is growing rapidly throughout the state with schools and financial institutions signing up daily.

Teachers, principals and students from across the state have commended the program and the many ben-

efits it brings. The Illinois State Board of Education and the Chicago Public Schools have endorsed the Treasurer's BAS program saying that it brings "practical living skills into the classroom."

Students may open savings accounts on "Bank Day" which is generally held once each month. The financial institution sends representatives to the school to open savings accounts and helps with the program.

There are more than 200,000 students currently participating in the BAS program.

## First United Methodist Church

The Annual Spring Luncheon sponsored by the United Methodist women of the Evergreen Park First United Methodist Church, 94th St. and Homan Ave., will be held Thursday, June 14, at 12:30 noon. The Chorale Airs, a women's double quartet barbershop ensemble will perform "Ala Carte."

The luncheon is being prepared by Mrs. Pitlock. Door prizes will be distributed. Baby-sitting will be available upon request. Invite someone to lunch.

Tickets are now available for \$7.50. A table will be reserved for a party of six or more people. Call the church 708-422-8451 or call 708-422-1059 for ticket information.



## Midway Garden Society

The Midway Garden Society is hosting a bus trip to Greendale, WI and to the Boerner Botanical Gardens to see the roses in bloom. The coach leaves from Archer and Rutherford on June 23. The price of \$18 does not include lunch. Non-members are welcome. For reservations and more information, call 773-847-6892.

## Oak Lawn Community Church honors dad

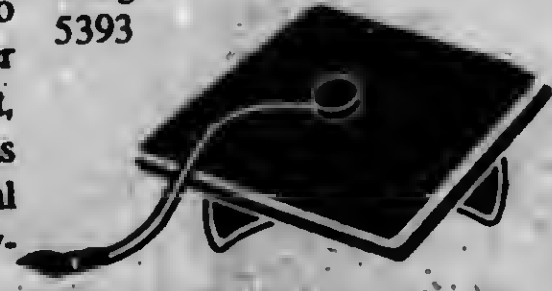
For Fathers' Day, June 1, 2001, bring your father to church. If he is the oldest member or non-member, he will receive a certificate. Also the newest father. Remember that your Dad is the greatest, and he should be respected as such. Give him some special treatment on his day, and every day.

## Moraine Valley to host art camp for kids this summer

The art camp, for students entering grades 3 through 8, will take place Monday through Friday, June 11 through 15, in the college's Fine and Performing Arts Center, located on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Grades 3 through 5 will meet from 9 am to noon, and grades 6 through 8 will meet from 1 to 4 pm. In addition, a final exhibition and reception for all participants will take place Friday, June 15, at 7:00 pm in Room 150 of the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

The camp is an exceptional studio art experience for grade school and junior high school students of all abilities who are interested in improving their skills in the visual arts.

For more information call Margaret Hafer at 708-974-5393



## Friends of the Oak Lawn Library 23rd Annual Dinner Meeting

An evening of good food and fellowship awaits you at the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library 23rd Annual Dinner Meeting Thursday, June 14 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. The cost of the dinner is \$15 per person. Reservation forms are available at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., at the Reception Booth, first floor. The deadline for reservations is Monday, June 4.

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting use of the Oak Lawn Public Library, furnishing equipment and materials that are beyond the library's budget and bringing opportunities for cultural enrichment to area residents. Membership forms are available at the library's Reception Booth and via the Friends' web site ([www.lib.oaklawn.il.us/friends.htm](http://www.lib.oaklawn.il.us/friends.htm)).

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations, 708-422-4990.



## First United Methodist Church has travel date

The United Seniors, meeting at the First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park, 94th St. and Homan Ave., on Wednesday, June 13th, at 12:00 noon, will visit "Back of the Yards" with Ruth Wulff. Ms. Wulff will take us back for trip through the past.

Everyone in the "senior" age group is invited to participate. A short business meeting will precede the pro-

gram. Following the program there will be refreshments and time to socialize.

The United Seniors meet monthly on the second Wednesday of each month. A variety of entertaining, informational, and socializing activities are planned. Call the church 708-422-8451 or Helen 708-499-6254 for further information.

## Sister Pauline receives award

Sister Pauline Logsdon, director of the gifted education program of St. Gerald's School, Oak Lawn, was given the Poverello Award by Mount St. Clare College, Clinton, Iowa at the college commencement ceremony.

The award is given for distinguished service to society. Sister Pauline was chosen for her lifetime teaching in various areas and countries. She taught grammar school, trained student teachers and taught Theology at the collegiate level. She was the supervisor of religious education for 25 schools in Chulucanas, Peru. Sister has directed the gifted education programs in Freeport, Bahamas and at St. Gerald's School for the



Sister Pauline

last 10 years. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Science from St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa, 2 Master's Degrees one from the University of Notre Dame and one from the Catholic University of Chile. She earned a doctate in gifted education from California Coast University. Sister has traveled extensively in 62 countries.

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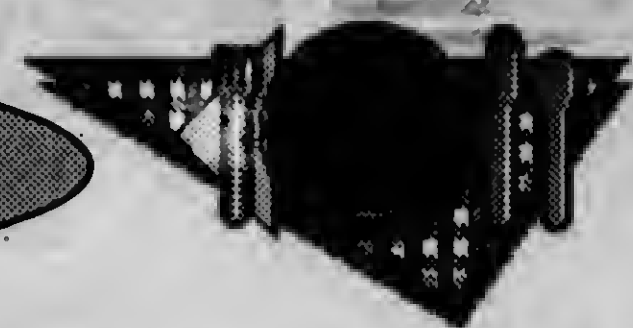
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Fans of traditional pot roast requiring long, slow cooking will enjoy taking the scenic route: Classic Pot Roast with Cheesy Mashed Potatoes. This savory pot roast is made the classic way, first browned and seasoned, then simmered until it's fork tender. The flavors of the beer (or cider) and thyme together with the golden sautéed onions make a flavorful pot roast and savory gravy.

While the pot roast is cooking, prepare a special side dish of Cheesy Mashed Potatoes. Chive and onion cream cheese spread gives basic mashed potatoes a delicious makeover that tastes great with the pot roast and gravy.

Cooks who have mere minutes to feed a hungry family, yet desire the flavor and comfort of long cooking pot roast, will sprint to the finish in about 30 minutes with World's Fastest Pot Roast. When you start with a fully cooked beef pot roast with gravy, available in the supermarket fresh meat case, the simmering is done for you. To achieve the same wonderful flavors as in the classic pot roast, simply sauté onions until tender and golden. Cut the fully cooked pot roast into slices and add to the skillet along with beer and the gravy from the pot roast

package. After a brief heating, the beef will pick up the sauce's flavors. Another shortcut -- frozen mashed potatoes instead of homemade -- teamed with the chive and onion cream cheese spread yields the same yummy Cheesy Mashed Potato side dish.

### Classic Pot Roast

Total preparation and cooking time: 3-1/4 hours

#### Ingredients:

1 boneless beef chuck shoulder, arm or blade pot roast (about 3 pounds)  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
3 cups thinly sliced onions  
3 cloves garlic, minced

1/4 cup all purpose flour  
1/2 cup beer or apple cider  
1/2 cup water  
1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crumbled

#### Directions:

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in Dutch oven over medium heat until hot. Place beef pot roast in Dutch oven; brown evenly. Remove pot roast from Dutch oven; season with salt and pepper.

Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil to Dutch oven; heat until hot. Add onions and garlic; cook and stir 10 minutes or until onions are very soft and golden. Stir in flour. Stir in beer, water and thyme until blended; bring to a boil. Return pot roast to Dutch oven. Reduce heat; cover

tightly and simmer 2-1/4 to 2-3/4 hours or until pot roast is fork tender.

Remove pot roast to platter; carve into slices. Serve with potatoes and gravy.

### Cheesy Mashed Potatoes

Total preparation and cooking time: 30 minutes

#### Ingredients:

1-1/2 pounds all purpose potatoes, scrubbed, unpeeled, cut into 1-1/2 inch pieces  
1 container (8 oz.) chive and onion cream cheese spread  
1/4 to 1/2 cup milk  
1/2 teaspoon salt

#### Directions:

Place potatoes in medium saucepan with water to cover; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium; cook 15 to 20 minutes or until tender. Drain.

Mash potatoes until smooth. Add cheese spread, 1/4 cup milk and salt; stir until blended. Add additional milk, 1 tablespoon at a time, if necessary for desired consistency.

### World's Fastest Pot Roast

Total preparation and cooking time: 30 minutes

#### Ingredients:

1 package or 2 packages fully cooked beef pot roast with gravy  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
1 medium onion, cut in half, thinly sliced  
1 large clove garlic, minced  
1/4 cup beer or apple cider  
1-1/3 cups milk

4 cups frozen mashed potatoes

3/4 cup chive and onion cream cheese spread

Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add onion and garlic; cook and stir 10 to 12 minutes or until onion is very soft and golden.

Meanwhile remove pot roast from package. Combine gravy and beer in 2 cup measure; add water, if needed, to make 1-1/3 cups. Cut pot roast into 1/4 inch thick slices. Add beef and gravy mixture to skillet; cook over medium heat 8 minutes or until heated through, stirring

occasionally.

Meanwhile heat milk in medium saucepan over medium heat 3 minutes or until steaming; do not boil. Add potatoes; cook and stir 5 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in cheese spread. Let stand, uncovered for 2 minutes. Serve with pot roast



## Lemon Cornmeal Scones

Preparation time: 15 minutes  
Baking time: 15 minutes

#### Ingredients for Topping:

2 tablespoons sugar  
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel

#### Ingredients for Scones:

1 1/2 cups all purpose flour  
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2 tablespoons sugar

4 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
6 tablespoons cold butter, cut into 6 pieces  
1/3 cup half and half  
2 eggs  
2 teaspoons grated lemon peel

#### Directions:

Stir together topping ingredients in small bowl. Set aside.

Heat oven to 400°. Combine flour, cornmeal, 2 tablespoons sugar, baking powder and salt in large bowl; cut in butter with pastry blender until crumbly.

Combine half and half, eggs and 2 teaspoons lemon peel in small bowl. Stir into flour mixture just until moistened. Turn dough onto lightly floured surface, knead 5 to 8 times until smooth, adding more flour as necessary to keep dough from sticking to surface.

Pat dough into 9 inch circle on greased baking sheet. Sprinkle evenly with topping. Cut into 8 wedges with knife; do not separate wedges.

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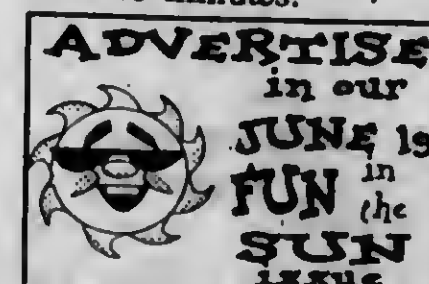
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

## Mortgage brokers create program

To help Illinois residents make smart, informed choices about the homeownership process, the Illinois Association of Mortgage Brokers (IAMB) and its Educational Foundation (IAMBEF) has created the Mortgage Ambassadors Teaching Consumers

Homeownership (MATCH) Program. MATCH provides detailed information to guide consumers seeking a home purchase, refinance or home equity loan to help protect them from abusive lending practices. Residential Mortgage Specialists (CRMS), will address

mortgage lending and homeownership basics, shopping for loans, the importance of credit, managing money and budget, warning signs of abusive loan terms and tips to protect individuals and their investment in their homes.

The IAMB encourages

local community groups and government officials to coordinate a free MATCH program in their area. Interested organizations can contact the IAMB office to schedule a program for its constituents, members or the general public at 630-916-7720 or via email at iambe@iamb.org.

This education initiative was created so that mortgage professionals, community leaders and government officials can work together to protect individuals and neighborhoods from unscrupulous lending practices. The MATCH program empowers current and potential

homeowners with comprehensive mortgage lending information and tips to maintain or attain homeownership.

The program consists of two interactive sessions: one for first time homebuyers, and the other for those considering a refinance or home equity loan.

### Tom White is named De La Salle's new athletic director

Tom White has been named the new athletic director at De La Salle Institute, effective July 1st, 2001. White replaces Mike Skowronski, who will become the new athletic director at Glenbard West High School.

White, who has spent the last 6 years as the varsity basketball coach, as well as an assistant athletic director and an English Teacher, will continue to guide De La Salle on the basketball court. "I am very happy to take on the challenge of becoming our new athletic director," said White, a 1978 graduate of St. Rita's High School. "I've been in the Catholic League for 20 years. I have a good understanding of the Catholic League, as well as the De LaSalle community.

White, who resides in Chicago's Garfield Ridge neighborhood with his wife, Nancy, and their four children, said he's honored to succeed Skowronski as De La Salle's athletic director.

## Home and Community Safety Week

Deaths caused by unintentional injuries in the home and in the community are on the rise. In 1998, there were 48,200 fatalities. That figure rose to 52,900 in 1999.

The National Safety Council (NSC) and its local Chicago Chapter have designated the week of June 10-16, 2001, Home and Community Safety Week. During

Home and Community Safety Week -- part of the National Safety Month -- the Council is focusing public attention on falls in the home and playground safety. "Two of our most vulnerable populations," said Vago Galounis, Chicago Chapter Director, "the young and the elderly, will benefit from increased public awareness of ways to

prevent falls in the home and to increase playground safety."

Falls are the leading cause of home and community deaths, and the elderly are especially at risk. In 1999, of the nearly 17,100 people who died as result of falls at home, more than 12,454 were over 65 years old. The NSC will offer tips for keeping the eld-

erly safe in homes and in their communities.

Playgrounds, if not properly equipped, can be dangerous places for children.

Unfortunately, each year approximately 280,000 children will be treated in hospital emergency rooms for injuries involving playground equipment and surfacing.

Sixty two percent of these injuries occur when children fall from playground equipment, often onto hard and unforgiving surfaces. Other causes include: collisions with equipment or other children, contact with protrusions, pinch points and sharp edges, and strangulation.

In order to make playgrounds safer, the National Safety Council will be offering guidelines for backyard, school, park and other types of playgrounds.

Home and Community Safety Week is part of National Safety Month in June. Other weeks focus on workplace safety, environment and public health, and teen driving safety. For a comprehensive list of National Safety Month activities and safety tips, visit the NSC website at [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org).

### Our Lady of the Snows Parish Council of Catholic Women

Donna Loszach is the 2001-2002 nominee for Woman of the Year from Our Lady of the Snows Council of Catholic Women.

Married to her late husband, Robert, for 33 years, she is a mother of 5, grandmother of 10 and great grandmother of 7.

Following employment at Western Electric and raising her family, Donna found a window of opportunity for her energy in parish and community activities. Donna has served the CCW and parish on the archdiocesan, deanery and parish levels. Donna's ease with people and her desire to be involved and helpful have earned her the love and admiration of the

entire parish family. She will be honored by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women and Vicariate V during an awards luncheon at the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th Street, Hickory Hills, on Saturday, June 9, 2001.

### South side roots

Paul Petraitis, Executive Director of the Ridge Historical Society, will present the early history of the south side through the use of slides and maps of the area.

Petraitis has been associated with the Chicago Historical Society for sixteen years and has also worked with the Balzekas Museum and the Historic Pullman Foundation. Join us for this glimpse at our past on Monday, June 25 at 6:45 pm at the Mt. Greenwood Library, 11010 S. Kedzie, Chicago. This free event is open to the public and sponsored by the Mt. Greenwood Historical Society. For information, call Janet McBride at 773-881-8168.

### Double celebration for Lutheran Church

Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church is having a double celebration on Sunday, June 24, beginning with a service of praise and thanksgiving at 10:00 am, recognizing their pastor's 40th anniversary of ordination. Rev. M. Charles Groth was ordained July 16, 1961.

Nazareth is located at

3250 W. 60th Street, Chicago. Immediately following the service the congregation will host a catered dinner in the Lower Hall. For ticket information please call Alicemarie Marten at (773) 434-9540 or Lois Kiefer at (708) 458-1300. Ticket deadline is Wednesday, June 13, and seating is limited.



### Lourdes Illinois State Scholars

Pictured from left to right: Lourdes High School students, Jaime Lyn Jandura, Patricia Rangel, and Keisha Brooks.

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## Marist offers a relay for life

by Jude Coyle

Carmen Castro said that she did not sleep the night of June 1st. She was worried about the weather, about volunteers showing up, and about the amount of money they would raise. It rained the morning of June 2nd. In spite of that, she made it to Marist High School before 8 a.m. and began to set up.

Carmen and sister, Becky Galen, served as Event Directors for the First Annual Southeast Suburban Relay for Life. This event takes in Blue Island, Alsip, Marionette Park, Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn and Crestwood.

According to Carmen, "Cancer never sleeps. If we can raise money for research, for support groups, and a myriad of other services provided by the American Cancer Society, than we can do without sleep one night as well." The premise is simple. Teams of eight to 12 individuals walked the track about the Marist football field. At all times throughout the long night, each team had at least one person walking.

The participant's day began at noon with a Survivors and Caregivers luncheon. The opening ceremony and the survivor's lap began at 1:00. Then throughout the day, participants were treated to the music of 'Detour', 'Cruzin' Dogs and a D.J. There were raffles, campfire and campsite decoration contests. Griffith Labs sold hot dogs and hamburgers that employees had grilled on the

site, and Home Instead Senior Care provided popcorn, shaved ice, lawn games and a giant slide for kids to play on as their parents walked.

I arrived in the early evening. Carmen invited me into her tent. She explained that she and her sister became involved with the American Cancer Society because both had been diagnosed with breast cancer. Carmen is nearing that five year mark when she will be declared 'cured.' She can't wait. Prior to her diagnosis, sister, Luz Castro Ramirez died from breast cancer.

"We know we have a strong gene," Carmen explained. "We're doing this for our daughters and our granddaughters."

As we sat there, several others arrived. Friends, Jan and Bob Panozzo of Palos Park, planned to walk the track for a couple of hours, and give Carmen's team a much needed rest. "Carmen is our bud," Jan said.

LeVera Davis and son, Clarence, arrived. LeVera registered to be part of Carmen's team because one of her coworkers at St. Francis Hospice is a friend of Becky. They also planned to walk for a couple of hours.

Luminaria candles were sold throughout the day. Buyers memorialized individuals lost to cancer, or bought them in the name of cancer survivors. By 9:00 p.m., Marist's track was surrounded by candles. At that point they were lit. As participants circled the track

quietly, volunteers read the names of those for whom the candles were purchased. I passed several candles purchased on behalf of Carmen, Becky and Luz. Brother Patrick from Marist prayed and Staci Calvert read a poem called 'Relay Reflections'.

"How do you raise money?" I asked. Carmen explained that team members collected contributions from friends and family. Committee members went door to door, asking for corporate donations. 115 Bourbon Street, Home Instead Senior Care, 100.7 The Buss, Star 93.5, 96.7 Will Rock, 1340 WJOL, Challenge Park, Scuba Emporium and Griffith Labs were major contributors. D'Masti Catering provided the Survivor's meal and a host of others provided incentives, prizes and cash contributions. Proceeds from the sale of Luminaria candles, hot dogs, hamburgers, raffle tickets, and the like went back to the A.C.S.

Before leaving I had a chance to talk to Martin Kramer, Field Representative for the American Cancer Society. "Considering this is a first time event in this area," he said, "We did well." They had hoped to have 25 teams participating, but only had 18. He cited the weather as well as the fact that Sunday June 3, is National Survivors' Day, and many of the area hospitals had big celebrations planned. He explained that his duties were to act as advisor, and help Carmen and Becky

"The American Cancer support groups for every medication, with bills, and with food, so that you can free up your own money." Then he told me about his experience with leukemia. "When I hit that five year mark," he said, "My entire family and all my friends threw me a surprise party."

## Take a bite out of crime: Enroll

Moraine Valley is offering several summer opportunities for students seeking credit in criminal justice.

\*Introduction to Criminal Justice (CRL 101-01) meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-11:45 a.m., for eight weeks, beginning June 11.

\*Police in American Society (CRJ 103-60) meets Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 6-7:45 p.m., for

eight weeks, beginning June 11.

\*Criminology (CRJ 105-60) meets Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8-9:45 p.m., for eight weeks, beginning June 11.

Tuition in \$49 per credit hour plus books and fees. Registration in underway. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registra-

tion Office, located in the College Center, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Students also can register by phone with an operator by calling (708) 974-2110 (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Previously admitted students can also register online via the college's Web site, [www.moraine.cc.il.us](http://www.moraine.cc.il.us), or by touch-tone phone



## Tribute to Ethnic Women's Organizations

Illinois First Lady Lura Lynn Ryan hosted Governor George H. Ryan's Tribute to Ethnic Women's Organizations in the James R. Thompson Center. The exhibits included over 30 different women's organizations displaying a colorful array of cultural items and information about their charitable work. Pictured with Mrs. Ryan are representatives from the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans Women's Division. Pictured left to right: Rosalie Wolf, Mrs. Ryan and Helen M. Andolino, President JCCIA Women's Division.

## Elim Preschool Registration

Elim Preschool located at 10835 S. Pulaski Road has openings for 4 year olds. They are taking registrations for September 2001. Child must be 4 years old by September 2001. Registration fee is \$35.00 (non-refundable) plus a birth certificate. Call Preschool for further

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## Bridgeview Village Board Brosnahan to Meeting host town hall meeting

by Jude Coyle

Trustee Jeff Guidish passed along a request from various police officers to the Bridgeview Village Board at the June 13, meeting. Police Officer Tippet is quite ill and on disability. Several other officers asked that the Village take one sick day from each, and give it to Officer Tippet. This passed by a vote of five to zero. Trustee Guidish recognized Chief Chuck Chiglis for his efforts in spearheading this gesture.

The Police Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on June 30, at 11 a.m.

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the Village Hall, for the Bridgeview Beautification Committee. Anyone who would like to be part of the Committee is welcome. Anyone with a nomination in mind, even if that person would like to nominate himself, should contact Trustee Mike Pticek.

Sidewalks are being laid now. The Village will go to bid for work to be done on the streets soon. Work will begin on the street in front of Universal School on June 21.

State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) will host a town hall meeting for residents of Oak Lawn and Chicago Ridge on Thursday, June 21 at the Oak Lawn Village Hall, 9446 South Raymond. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Representative Brosnahan will discuss issues pertinent to state government. Residents with questions may call Brosnahan's constituent service office at 708-499-2810.



## Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce

Pictured left to right: Chuck Dinolfo, Leo Gutchewsky, Doris Marks, Anne Marie Casey and Pat Nienhaus.

## Oak Lawn Village Board Meeting

By F J Soczek

Trustee William Keane awoke one morning to discover someone had neatly placed a small pile of garbage and assorted debris upon his front door step.

Keane disposed of the detritus without giving it too much thought and noted he was later approached by a neighbor who inquired about the unsolicited donation.

According to Keane, the "gift" turned out to be a benign form of social protest intended to make the Trustee aware of the lack of waste receptacles throughout the Village.

The unnamed neighbor had picked up the trash during his daily walks and apparently felt the gesture would bring about an increased awareness of the latter dilemma.

The tactic certainly did catch the attention of the intended individual. Whether the desired results are ultimately achieved will depend entirely upon the follow-up efforts expended by Mr. Keane.

Perhaps stylish waste containers that match the Village's distinctive street lighting might be purchased with fines obtained from those who elect to use the local thoroughfares as a speedway.

It seems, however, Trustee Ron Stancik has other ideas about the acknowledged "speeding" epidemic.

Stancik stated he would like to see one of those mobile radar speed detectors allocated for each district within the Village. The kind that read *Speed Limit 30...You are going 47...*

"They (radar devices) don't annoy anyone," the Trustee astutely observed, obviously concerned that law breakers might be annoyed.

The units cost approximately \$14,700 each.

Clearly, a more efficacious method is already at the disposal of the OLPD.

What has a more deterring effect than a flashing blue light ahead parked behind a teenager in a black Mustang?

Is there a better way to pay

for those nifty new garbage cans?

Trustee Steve Rosenbaum commented on a recent article in the *Reporter* which brought to light the lackadaisical attitude of the State's Attorney's office in addressing the registration of a local sex offender.

While checking the status of a previously convicted pedophile, the officers discovered what is classically referred to as a "bag containing a green, leafy substance" conveniently reposing on an end table in the man's living room.

According to police reports, the suspect invited the officers inside for a chat, and immediately thereafter was arrested for his hospitality.

Subsequently, (as noted by the OLPD) the State's Attorney refused to approve felony charges against the man, instead urging them to "Register the guy and send him on his way."

The man was ultimately charged with possession of cannabis.

Rosenbaum remarked "What transpired is most

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Executive Board invites you to participate in their annual golf outing Wednesday, July 11 at Palos Country Club, 131st Street and Southwest Highway. Reservations are now being accepted for golf tee times and their dinner gala. The deadline is Thursday, July 5.

troubling. We are owed an explanation (by the State's Attorney's office). The police aren't supposed to be making house calls on these matters."

Rosenbaum expressed further dismay at the number of temporary "storage trailers" that have been recently approved by the Village.

Apparently, some of the trailer owners felt the storage units would serve a dual purpose as dandy backdrops for garish, billboard-scale advertising banners.

McDonald's had requested a small trailer for 5-6 weeks use during the reconstruction of their restaurant located at 95th St and McVickers Ave.

The request was unanimously approved. Trustee Jerry Hurckes

Throughout the day, golfers may participate in special games and enjoy some relaxing refreshments at the half-way house and the beer holes.

The dinner program will feature musical entertainment, a grand raffle drawing, a gift basket raffle and many other surprises.

The Chamber is now

seeking sponsorships, raffle prize donations and volunteers. For reservations or information call 708-424-8300.

## OCS Annual Blood Drive

The Office of Citizens' Services will sponsor their Annual Blood Drive at the H.B. Maher Community Center on Saturday, June 30 (8:00 am - 1:00 pm). Please consider donating blood. For your 'convenience' phone 422-8776 to make an appointment.

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## Did You Know?

NAPS—More people are making the most out of online education. Fully accredited, and with more than 20,000 students currently enrolled, University of Phoenix Online (UoP) is a prime example of how universities are reaching out to a new class of students through the Internet—not the traditional 18-22 year old audience, who represent only one in six of all college students today, but adults who have decided to challenge themselves to grow intellectually and professionally.

Modular homes have come

a long way from yesterday's stereotypes and are quickly becoming known for their quality and affordability, say experts at Modular Building Systems Association. Today's modular homes are indistinguishable from site built homes and are often built to even better quality standards.

According to Sarah Leah Chase, picnic expert and author of *The Nantucket Open House Cookbook*, any occasion can be perfect for picnicking. One tip, Chase suggests, is to use top quality ingredients.

## Lipinski acts on new runways at O'Hare

Congressman Bill Lipinski, the Ranking Member of the House Subcommittee on Aviation, introduced legislation that will preempt certain state laws which prevent or obstruct construction of airport development projects at critical national airports, such as Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. In effect, this legislation will elevate the decision to build new runways at O'Hare, and at other critical airports around the country, to the federal level.

"Congestion is plaguing our national aviation system," Congressman Lipinski explained. "For example, last year slightly more than 6% of all flights at O'Hare were delayed more than 15 minutes. Because O'Hare is a domestic and international hub at the heart of our national aviation system, delays at O'Hare ripple throughout the system, earning O'Hare the undesirable designation as a 'chokepoint.' If O'Hare remains a chokepoint, it threatens the reliability and efficiency of the entire United States aviation system."

"The long term solution to congestion at O'Hare and throughout the country is clear-- build more runways," Congressman Lipinski said.

"In fact, FAA Administrator Garvey testified last month that the increases in capacity provided by new technology or airspace procedures are marginal compared with the capacity increases provided by a new runway. In other words, additional runways provide the most 'bang for the buck' in terms of increasing capacity at congested airports."

"New runways are especially critical at O'Hare Airport given the fact that Chicago is the nation's transportation hub," Congressman Lipinski said. "Unfortunately, local politics have prevented plans for new runways at O'Hare from moving forward. Although local concerns must be addressed, a powerful few should not be allowed to derail development at O'Hare. This is why a national solution is needed. This is why I have introduced legislation today that will allow the federal government to intervene to make new runways at O'Hare a reality."

The legislation introduced, entitled an Act to End Gridlock at Our Nation's Critical Airports, would federally preempt such state laws so that critical airport projects at large hub airports that meet all federal safety and environmental standards can move forward expeditiously.



## Pat Hayden awarded Women in Real Estate's Florence Marcucci Award

Presenting the award to Pat Hayden is immediate Past President Pauline Tsoris, owner of an appraisal service with her husband George, and who recently joined Coldwell Banker as an associate.

At the Crystal Gardens at Navy Pier, Chicago, on Tuesday evening, Pat Hayden was awarded Women in Real Estate's coveted award -- the Florence Marcucci Award named for a past president.

Each year the member who most exemplifies a member of WIRE through

her contribution to her industry and community is given this award. Pat is currently leasing the High Point Square Retail Center in the High Point community of Romeoville, one of the fastest growing cities in Illinois.

Pat is a charter member of WIRE.



Pictured from left to right: Annette Dixon, Virginia Wrobel and Ann Dykstra.

## Village Pantry Coalition receives check for \$800

Annette Dixon (whose mother is a long-time resident of Evergreen Park) recently presented \$800 to the Village Pantry Coalition. Many individuals and families in Evergreen Park who are experiencing difficult times because of illness, loss of work, etc. receive assistance of canned and packaged food from the Village of Food Pantry along with certificates for purchasing perishable food items from local grocery stores.

Non-perishable food items, paper products, and cleaning supplies and monetary donations are accepted year round. Thanks to the generosity of organizations and residents, the pantry is able to supply the needs of our families in Evergreen Park.

The Village Pantry Coalition was formed in 1982 with the cooperation of many local organizations, churches and the Village of Evergreen Park. We'd like to thank Mayor Anthony Vacco for being a staunch supporter through the formation of the pantry and his continued support through all these years.

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## General Assembly can be a hero

Some three to four million women are reportedly beaten by their husbands or partners every year and the majority of them have children who are also hurt -- physically or emotionally -- by violence in their homes. At last, I was extremely pleased with a bill making its way through the Illinois General Assembly to provide relief to individuals who experience gender related violence.

The Gender Violence Act would specifically allow domestic violence victims and other survivors of unjust violence to bring a civil action for damages, injunctive relief, or other appropriate relief against their perpetrators. I have been endlessly frustrated at how our laws have been used against victims by their batterers. Providing this sorely

needed relief has already been ruled constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court, explaining that states alone have the authority to grant civil relief to survivors of such sexually discriminatory violence.

It is now time for the State Senate to approve the Gender Violence Act like their colleagues in the Illinois House did more than a month ago so the bill can then move up to the Governor for his signature. We should not condemn victims of violence, especially children, who have suffered enough abuse at the hands of their batterers but rather provide assistance to them so they can cope with the devastating effects, thus helping them escape their fear and move their lives in a positive direction.

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## Recant support of O'Hare runways or risk loss of \$200 million municipal deposits

Three more northwest suburbs Wednesday warned that they will withdraw millions of dollars municipal funds deposited in four downtown banks whose top executives endorsed additional runways at O'Hare Airport.

The cities of Elmhurst and Park Ridge and the village of Bensenville have added their voices to Elk Grove Village, which already has begun withdrawing portions of more than \$80 million from the four banks that supported a business group's two page ad that demanded more runways be built at O'Hare. To prevent that withdrawal of funds, the banks, among other things, would have to retract their endorsement of the runways.

The communities estimate that they have close to \$200 million deposited in the four banks: Northern Trust, Harris Bank Corp., Bank of America and Bank One. Signing the letters were, Elk Grove Village Mayor Craig B. Johnson, Bensenville President John Geils, Elmhurst Mayor Thomas Marcucci and Park Ridge Mayor Ronald Wietecha.

In separate letters delivered to the banks on Tuesday,

the communities said the withdrawals could be prevented if the banks' chief executive signed public letters recommitting themselves to earlier promises to be good neighbors to the communities. Conditions sought from the banks are:

An admission that the banks inappropriately signed the ad without first consulting the communities, and a repudiation of their endorsement of new runways.

An acknowledgment that the decision whether to increase the region's aviation capacity by adding new O'Hare runways or building a new south suburban airport should be left in the hands of "those most impacted by that decision -- including our communities."

A public call for an "open, public disclosure of all proposals for adding airport capacity in the region... and an open public decision making process for selecting the best alternative for our communities and the region. We ask the banks to join us in demanding that the process be open to the public and the impacted communities and not made behind closed doors."

The public disclosure of

the specific runway proposal that the banks were endorsing, along with any analysis of the economic and environmental costs and benefits of the runways versus other alternatives.

The letters stated that "absent a satisfactory response from the banks containing the essential points outlined above, we will be forced to conclude that the banks policies and actions are adverse to our communities' goals and quality of life and we will make our investment decisions accordingly."

The requests come as a city of Chicago and Federal Aviation Administration joint O'Hare task force have excluded the public from attending meetings ostensibly designed to reduce delays at O'Hare. Opponents of new runways, such as the Suburban O'Hare Commission, have argued that the task force is a subterfuge for producing a plan that would kill prospects for a south suburban airport while making an ill conceived effort to try to virtually double O'Hare Airport operations. Elk Grove Village, which on May 29 made public its intent to move its deposits elsewhere already has transferred \$6 million, and will continue to do so as opportunities arise.

## Family Fun Days at Risen Savior Assembly of God Church

Risen Savior Assembly of God Church located at 6059 S. Archer Ave. will be hosting a Family Fun days, Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23 starting at 4:00 pm ending at 10:30 pm. Friday, we will be having a thirty five foot slide, jumping balloon, food and concerts. The only charge will be for the concessions. The concerts will be contemporary music by Flat Foot 56 and Messenger, a Polish band.

Saturday will be developed to the seniors with Bingo, horseshoe contest, food games and prizes with a Gospel quartet, called the King's Men Four. For more information you can call Risen Savior Assembly of God church at 773-284-7395.

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## Face the Truth Tour

This summer from July 18th through July 28th, the Pro-Life Action League and Citizens for a Pro-Life Society will sponsor the Face the Truth Tour. Pro-life activists will visit twenty seven cities and towns throughout the greater Chicagoland area. Holding pictures of healthy unborn babies and huge graphic signs of aborted babies, we will line up along the roads, highways, streets and thoroughfares, showing the American people the truth about abortion.

We need your help to show the American people that abortion is the deliberate taking of an unborn child's life.

If you believe that abortion is murder, now is the time for you to join in your community and stand up and be counted. This summer you can help us show the truth. You can help show the people of the Chicago area the face of abortion.

The Face the Truth tour is a way to show our nation that it will one day have to stand accountable for the slaughter of the unborn. The photos are

meant to disturb -- but more so to awaken our nation. If we find these graphic images disturbing, then shouldn't we stand up against the killing that procedures such pictures, and shouldn't we help our neighbors face the truth? Please plan to join us! We need your help!

Face the Truth tour upcoming dates:

**Wednesday, July 18 --** Wilmette, Lake Ave. & Green Bay Rd., from 9:00 - 10:30; Evanston, Ridge Ave. & Dempster St., 11:00 - 12:30; Chicago, Foster Ave. & Leavitt St.

**Thursday, July 19 -- Oak Park, Harlem Ave. & North Ave., 9:00 - 10:30; Maywood, Madison & 1st Ave., 11:30 - 1:00; Franklin Park, Grand Ave. & 25th St.**

**Friday, July 20 --** Burbank, 87th & Cicero Ave., 9:00 - 10:00; Evergreen Park/Oak Lawn, 95th & Crawford Ave. (3900 W.), 11:30 - 1:00; Blue Island, Western Ave. (2400 W.) & 119th St., 2:30 - 4:00.

Visit the website at [www.prolifefaction.org](http://www.prolifefaction.org).

## Lourdes High School basketball camp

Lourdes High School, 4034 W. 56th. ST., will be holding a Basketball Camp this summer at the school. Open to 6th, 7th and 8th graders that love to play basketball. Basketball Camp will run from July 9th to July 13th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your skills! For more information please call Coach Roach at (773) 581-4070.

## Did You Know?

(NAPS)—There are angels among us. That's what a new book, *Angel Watch: Goosebumps, Signs, Dreams and Divine Nudges*, (Health Communications, Inc., \$11.95), by Catherine Lanigan says. The author shows how angels contact us through dreams, how goosebumps are validations that we are on the right track, and how spiritual visitations help steer people clear of danger.

Stories in the book, called *Chicken Soup For The Father's Soul* (Health Communications Inc., \$12.95), range from the funny—*My First Fish Story* by Jay Leno—to the heartwarming—*The Tooth* by David Wilkins—to the informative—*Warning: An American Teenager Is Loose In Europe*, by Dave Barry. Through the sharing of true experiences, the book

can provide fathers with reassurance and a reminder to cherish the special moments in life. The book is available at local bookstores, by calling 1-800-441-5569 or by visiting the Web site at [www.hci-online](http://www.hci-online).

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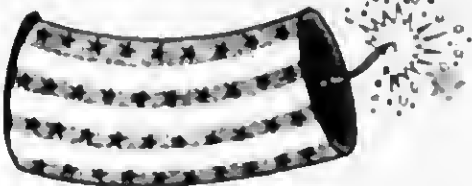


## Evergreen Park Public Library

Discover what we're cooking up at the Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy Ave., on Wednesday, June 27th at 1:30, 3:00, 5:30, and 7:00 pm. What could be more fun than the chance to win fun prizes while playing picture bingo complete with a food theme? We're all ready at the E.P. Library to "dish up" a good time, so come and play G.U.M.B.O! This program is appropriate for children grades K and up. Registration is required. If you have any questions please call the Library at 708-422-8522.

On Friday, June 22nd, at 10:00 am, the E.P. Library is proud to present the Time Step Players. This theatrical group will enchant children of all ages with a program called "Amazing Stories From Around the World." Feed you need to read through exciting stories from all over the world! This musical program combines storytelling, comedy and dance. Registration is required. Any questions, please call the Library.

Registration for Toddler Time at the E.P. Library beings June 11. Toddler Time is for ages 18-36 months. Limit 12. Accompanied by parent or guardian. Choose one 3 week session. Tuesdays, June 19-July 3 at 10:30 am; Thursdays, June 21-July 5 at 10:30 am; Thursdays, June 2-July 5 at 6:30 pm. For any questions please call the Library, 708-422-8522.



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## 115 Bourbon Street hosts 4th Annual 'Bucks For Burn Camp' Fundraiser

Local restaurant/night-club 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th Street, Merrionette Park, will again host the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance's "Bucks for Burn Camp" Fundraiser, Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24, from 12:00 am - 6:00 pm each day. The fundraiser offers young burn victims ages 8-16 the opportunity to attend summer camp that helps them adjust to their life as burn victims.

Sponsored by the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, the Chicago Firefighters Union Local 2, and 115 Bourbon Street, the 4th Annual "Bucks for Burn Camp" Fundraiser promises to be IFSA's biggest fundraiser ever, surpassing the \$50,000 raised last year for young burn victims. Cost to attend the camp is approximately \$1,000 per youngster, and this year

## Oak Lawn Community High School PTSA

The winners of the Class of 2001 Scholarships sponsored by the Oak Lawn High School Parent Teacher Student Association were announced at the Honors Night celebration at the high school May 31, 2001. Each of the winners will receive at least \$500 to apply toward their college education. Beyond

about 100 campers are expected to attend Burn Camp.

The \$30 per ticket one day admission price includes food, refreshments, raffles, free games, live bands, bocce ball, a volleyball tournament, and much more. Two day tickets are \$45 per person. Honorary Chairman of the "Bucks for Burn Camp" fundraiser is Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, and co-chairs are Chicago Fire Commissioner James Joyce and Cook County Assessor James Houlihan. For ticket information, call 115 Bourbon Street at 708-388-8881.

Raffle prizes and sponsors are also being sought for the event. To donate a raffle prize or for sponsorship information, call Bucks for Burn Camp Executive Director Thomas Taff at 773-239-4110.

demonstrating academic excellence, these students have also given generously of their time in volunteer activities at school and in community service. They also excelled in student activities, including National Honor Society, Mathletes, Forensics, Theater, and Music, as well as athletics, many earning letters in their chosen sports.

Congratulations to Bryan Allie, Emily Buys, Brian Caster, Sarah Dwyer, Sabrina Harper, David Jodelka, David Lundeen, Marjorie Koeppen, Ken Koran, Sara May, Jennifer Mitchell, Erica Nelson, Adrienne Olsen, William Palmer, Dan Pasquarella, Nick Purdy, Melissa Renz, Kelly Ulrich, and Amy Zavala.

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This meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center, 7450 W. 83rd Street, Bridgeview. Doors will open at 7:00 pm and the meeting will start at 8:00 pm. Further information can be obtained by calling Deacon Ken at 708-458-8923 or Tom and Marianne 708-499-5377.

## Burbank Chamber of Commerce's 23rd Annual Golf Outing

The Burbank Chamber of Commerce's 23rd Annual Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, July 19 at Silver Lake CC in Orland Park. There are still tee times and sponsorships available for you to participate. Hope you'll take advantage of these great opportunities to advertise your business and come out and golf for a full day of fun and relaxation.

Lots of great prizes, including a \$900 Golf Package from Kasch Fine Cars. Money prizes for par 3's and team prizes. Complimentary coffee and sweets at check-in, team photos, golfer "goody" bags, beverage stops, lunch break. Marshmallow Drive, Betting Hole and more.

Come out and join us. There will also be a "Golfers Only Raffle" (bag and clubs) and a Grand Raffle in the evening, along with a delicious dinner! Don't miss out! For information and reservations, please call Chairman Cathy Webb (Prairie Bank and Trust at 708-599-0100) or Judy at the Burbank Chamber office, 708-425-4668.

## Summertime Family Entertainment at Drury Lane Oakbrook

The Musical, big, is opening Sunday, June 10 at 7:00 pm at Drury Lane Oakbrook will give audiences bright, shiny, larger than life entertainment. Previews begin at Drury Lane Oakbrook on Wednesday, June 6, and the show will continue through August 5, 2001.

When frustrated adolescent Josh Baskin wishes he were "big," he wakes up the next morning as a 30 year old man. Though he becomes a successful toy making executive and falls in love with a lovely co-worker, he soon learns that adult life isn't all that it is cracked up to be. Eventually he opts for a return ticket to childhood. big, The Musical has many insights about the advantages

and trade offs of youth and maturity.

The performance schedule for big, The Musical is as follows: Wednesdays at 8:00 pm, Thursdays at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm, Fridays at 8:30 pm, Saturdays at 5:30 pm and 9:00 pm, Sundays at 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the Drury Lane Oakbrook Office-located at 100 Drury Lane, or may be charged by phone calling 630-530-0111. Ticketmaster outlets also carry tickets as well as Ticketmaster phone charge at 312-902-1500. Student discounts and group rates are available for all performances. Drury Lane Oakbrook is handicapped accessible.

## Wacky American Facts

\* Governor Cleveland's daughter Ruth was the inspiration for Baby Ruth candy bar.

\* Nebraska has the most miles of river in America.

\* The last president to have facial hair was William Taft.

\* Oregon has the world's largest sea cave.

\* The first president born in a hospital was Jimmy Carter.

\* Abe Lincoln's mother died when the family cow ate poisonous mushrooms and she drank the milk.

\* Gerald Ford dabbled in male modeling.

\* Maine is the toothpick capital of America.

\* Benjamin Franklin was 81 years old when he signed the Constitution.

\* George Washington's teeth were not made of wood. Various sets of dentures were made of ivory, lead, human and animal teeth.

\* Connecticut is home to the first color TV, phone book and hamburger.

\* Ronald Reagan married his first wife in a California cemetery.

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## Br. Rice new Athletic Director

Outgoing Br. Rice High School Athletic Director Mike Ryan (left) of Evergreen Park welcomes his replacement, Br. Paul Ickes to his new assignment.

Outgoing Brother Rice High School Athletic Director Mike Ryan welcomes his replacement, Br. Paul Ickes to his new assignment. Ickes took over the job June 1. Ryan, of Evergreen Park, a 1981 Br. Rice graduate, left the school to become an athletic director at Richards High School in Oak Lawn. He served as Rice athletic director for eight years, coached football and served as Dean of Students for two years during his 13 years tenure at the school.

Ickes, a 1982 graduate of St. Laurence High School in Burbank, takes over an athletic program that produced Chicago Catholic League championships this year in basketball, hockey, water polo, and volleyball. Ickes is head coach of the varsity volleyball team that finished with a 31-5 record, and was named the winner of the 2001 Tony Lawless Award for volleyball Coach of the Year in the Catholic League, an honor he has received four times.

Ickes, a Brighton Park native, graduated from Iona College, New Rochelle, NY,

in 1986 and received a master's in Education from the University of Notre Dame in 1990. He is currently working on a second master's degree in Catholic School Administration from the University of San Francisco. Arriving to teach Theology and History at Br. Rice in 1986, Ickes stayed until 1989, when he took a three year assignment at Seton Catholic Academy, a Christian Brothers school in Chandler, Arizona. There, he worked as athletic director and was freshman and junior varsity head basketball coach, and assistant varsity basketball coach.

After returning to Br. Rice in 1992, Ickes started the school's volleyball program in 1993. The program has won two Catholic League titles and has reached the final 16 in the state twice under his guidance. As athletic director, Ickes will oversee the sports programs on all levels of play and will continue to serve as head volleyball coach.

## NEWSWORTHY TRENDS

### Small Businesses Finding Coverage Online

(NAPS)—A growing number of small business owners are finding a short trip down the information super highway can offer greater security and peace of mind.

That's because they are using the Internet to purchase insurance coverage for their small business.

However, since not all insurance is created equal, particularly online, finding quality coverage takes more than the ability to click a mouse.

According to Ray Hall, senior vice president of eWausau.com, small business owners should consider the following before buying business insurance online.

- Look for an insurer that offers a comprehensive range of coverage options, including a Business Owner's

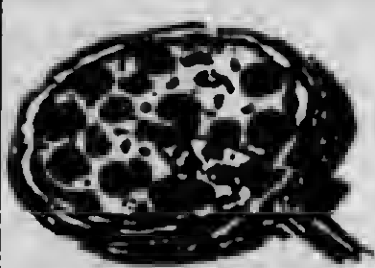
Policy, worker's compensation and commercial auto.

- Avoid purchasing insurance from a Web site unless the site is sponsored by a proven, financially-strong commercial insurer. Look for one with a strong rating with a well-known independent rating agency such as A.M. Best.

- Consider doing business with a site that offers live access to an agent via the Internet or by calling a toll free 800 number.

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Thomas Murray, Oak Lawn, graduating senior, attending Richards High School was the recipient of the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220 Scholarship award for 2001. The scholarship award plaque was presented to Murray at Richards Seniors Night on May 16, 2001. His extraordinary efforts not only earned him the Posts \$1,000 Scholarship but he also was the recipient of many other Scholarships and Awards which included top, 10% in National Merit Scholarship Finalist, Illinois State Scholar, National Honor Society, President's Award for Educational Excellence, HLR Honors Award, HLR Recognition Award, Richards Booster Club Assistance Award, Ball State University Scholarship, Oak Lawn Elks -- Bulldog of the year Award and others. Murray maintained a 5.91 GPA on a 5.0 scale. He has enrolled for the fall semester at Ball State University and will be pursuing a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

James Schultz, Oak Lawn, 2001 Richards High School graduate was the year 2001 winner of the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220 "Voice of Democracy" essay contest. "What Price is Freedom" was the theme of the essay. He

placed first in the Veterans of Foreign Wars 3rd District which earned him the honor of participating at the Illinois State level in Springfield, where he placed in the top ten. He was awarded two U.S. Savings Bonds, for his efforts. Bob Bridgeman, VOD Chairman, presented Schultz with a plaque during Harold L. Richards Seniors Night, held on May 16, 2001. He also was recognized in his class with the Illinois State Scholars. Schultz will begin his fall semester at Illinois State University.

David J. Jodelka, 2001 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School was the recipient of a Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220 \$1,000 Scholarship Award. A Scholarship Award plaque was presented to him at the Oak Lawn Community High School Honors Night on May 31, 2001. This scholarship is but one of four awarded by the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post annually to worthy students from the surrounding community. Jodelka had a very distinguished high school record, earning a GPA average of 4.4898, the highest in his graduating class of 335 students. He has been honored by being an Academic Letter Recipient, awarded

the President's Award for Educational Excellence, Illinois State Scholar, Merit Recognition Scholarship. Oak Lawn Community HS PTSA Scholarship, the John Philip Sousa Band Award, Outstanding Achievement Award in Math and the SICA Academic All-Conference Scholarship. Jodelka is enrolled as a freshman at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, beginning with the fall semester.

## Order Sons of Italy to meet in convention

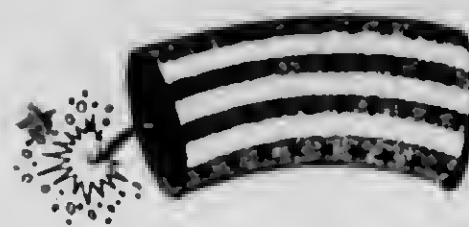
The Order Sons of Italy in America, State of Illinois will meet in their 39th Biennial State Convention on Saturday and Sunday, June 23 & 24, 2001 at the Clock Tower Resort in Rockford.

State President Giovanna Verdecchia of Chicago Heights will conduct the proceedings. State Officers, Chapter Presidents and Delegates throughout the State of Illinois will be in attendance as well as National Officers of the Order Sons of Italy in America.

Delegates are expected to vote on matter pertaining to their bylaws and hear reports on financial, administrative and philanthropic status of the State during the past two years. Conclusion of the Proceedings will be on Sunday with the election of State Officers for the 2001-2003 Term.

General Chairperson of the Convention is Marie Marsalli of Kankakee. Committee Members are James T. Di Pietra, Kankakee; Richard R. Della Croce, Orland Park; Frank Volpentesta, Evergreen Park and Trudy Poljak, Chicago.

The Order Sons of Italy in America established in 1905 is the largest organization of men and women of Italian heritage in the United States and Canada.



## Military News

Army Private James D. Rogers has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia.

Rogers is the son of Sharon and Larry Rogers of Evergreen Park. He is a 1998 graduate of Illinois Department of Education of Palos Hills.

## Marist High School to offer coed education

Marist High School, a college preparatory school located on the southwest side of Chicago will open its doors to young women starting in the fall of 2002.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Francis George, OMI approved the school's request to change its educational mission from all boys to a coeducational school on June 5th. The process began as part of the Marist Board of Directors' ongoing planning initiatives to identify critical issues and needs to be met by the school. "For years, there has been a strong community voice asking for a coeducational option on the southwest side," said Brother Richard Carey, President of Marist High School. The approval of the Archdiocese comes as a result of a three year process of study and consultation conducted by the Marist Board in collaboration with Bishop John Gorman and the Office of Catholic Schools.

The transition will be done over a 4 year period of time with young women accepted only into the incoming 9th grade class for the 2002-03 school year. The school will not accept transfer students from other Catholic high schools during

the first two years of the transition.

"In looking at its future mission, Marist is rooted in the values of Jesus Christ, educating young men and women in heart, mind and body," said Carey. "We are committed to providing our students with a college preparatory curriculum in a Catholic, faith-based community imbued with the Marist tradition."

Marist High School's administration and faculty are preparing to welcome young women through several initiatives, including staff development focused on the learning styles of students, gender sensitivity training, renovations to the facility, and a review of course offerings to ensure co-equality for all students.

Principal Larry Tucker stated, "Marist will continue to create a classroom environment for students that stresses collaborative endeavors, balanced in attention to students and constructive feedback from faculty."

Marist currently has a 55-acre campus with 65 classrooms and 7 science labs, an art wing complete with a gallery, a Band Room, a Computer Center, lighted athletic stadiums, two gyms, a new

fitness center and college size bookstore. Marist is also in the initial stages of a capital campaign to even further enhance the already impressive facility.

In 1962, Albert Cardinal Meyer requested that the Marist Brothers come to Chicago and supervise the planning and construction of a new high school. Thirty nine years the Marist Brothers are continuing their strong tradition by seeking to enliven the faith of young men and women by creating a school environment with "A Heart that Knows No Bounds." "Through faculty and student interaction, service projects, and community outreach, students will benefit from an integrated experience of a Marist education," said Carey. "Marist High School is committed to creating a coed culture which nurtures and develops Christian leaders for the global world of the 21st century."

Marist High School is located at 4200 West 115th Street, Chicago, 60655.

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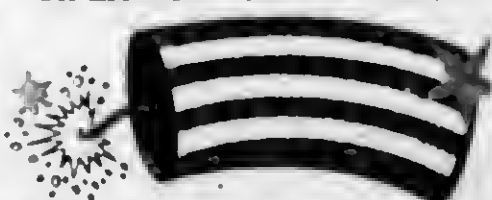
Here are a few Web sites you may want to watch:  
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The American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

## Illinois LST Association

Nicole Vander Veen, Chicago Ridge, graduating senior from Harold L. Richards High School is the recipient of a \$500.00 Scholarship awarded to her from the Illinois LST Association, INC., Burbank. Vander Veen has earned a GPA of 5.62290, earning a total of 23,250 credits, ranking 15th in her graduating class of 301 students. She also won \$250.00 as the winner of the Francis Gaughan Scholarship as well as Honors Award as a Illinois State Scholar.

During her high school career, Vander Veen has been active in the Spanish Club, Leo Club, Student Council, SADD, National Honor Society and Safe & Free Drug Program. She will be seeking a Bachelor of Science Degree, as she enters University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, studying Animal Science and Pre-Vet.

The Illinois LST Association, Inc., awards scholarships to its members descendants. Vander Veen's sponsor was her grandfather, Richard Elphick, Worth, who served on the LST 452 in WWII.



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## OCS Annual Blood Drive

The Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th Street, Evergreen Park, will sponsor the annual Blood Drive on Saturday, June 30, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you will give blood, please phone 422-8776.

Save time and make an appointment, because a confidential pre-screen questionnaire is required. Also, you must bring your ID to the blood drive. Your ID must have your given name plus one of these: birthdate, social security number, UBS-assigned donor number, or your picture. Special care and individual attention for donors during the entire donation process.

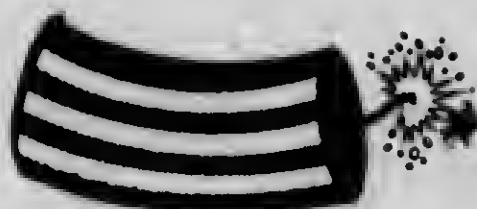
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## Book Sale at E.P.'s Library

Indulge your passion for books at the Evergreen Park Public Library's annual outdoor book sale on Saturday, July 14, from 9:30-3:30. Browse to your heart's content while enjoying home-baked treats from the library's bake sale.

The library is soliciting donations of books in good condition (no magazines or encyclopedias). Call 422-8522 for delivery instructions. The library is located at 9400 S. Troy.



## Dear Editor

In the wake of government raids gone amuck, i.e. Waco, Randy Weaver, etc., I believe someone needs to give credit where credit is due.

Sheriff Phil Jarvis of Idaho successfully ended the recent highly publicized siege in Sand Point, Idaho without anyone getting killed or injured. Sheriff Jarvis is exercised patience and restraint when he talked the five armed McGuckin children into leaving their home with no blood shed.

It's so refreshing to see a government siege with no casualties, for a change.

Since President Bush is actively looking for someone to head up the FBI, why not consider Sheriff Jarvis?

The FBI might learn something from this valiant law enforcement officer. He's certainly worth considering putting on the Bush's short list for FBI Director.

Sincerely  
A.B. Magnus

## Military News

Marine Corps Private Jack M. Johnson, Jr., son of Leila A. and Jack M. Johnson of Oak Lawn, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Johnson is a 1999 graduate of Richards High School of Oak Lawn.

Navy Seaman Michael T. Crumpley, son of Barbara J.

## Shipshewana

The Palos Hills Park and Recreation Department is offering a trip to the Shipshewana, Flea Market and Auction on Wednesday, June 27. Transportation departs from Palos Hills Community Center, 8455 W. 103rd Street at 7:00 am and returns at approximately 6:30 pm. The fee is \$25.00. This includes a family style dinner at the Amish Restaurant Das Dutchman Essenhaus. Register now at the Palos Hills Park Department to secure a spot. For information call 430-4500.

Jonas of Burbank, recently departed on a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile cruiser, USS Philippine Sea, homeported in Mayport, Florida.

Crumpley is a 1997 graduate of Reavis High School of Burbank, and joined the Navy in August of 1999.

## St. Fabian Parish

On Sunday, June 24, 2001, at 3:00 pm, the St. Fabian Parish will host the Archdiocesan Mass for the Separated and Divorced. Bishop John R. Gorman will be the principal celebrant and Bishop Joseph Perry and Bishop Thad Jakubowski will concelebrate. The separated and divorced ministry of St. Fabian Parish will provide hospitality after the Mass. All persons affected by separation or divorce and their families are invited to attend. Further information can be obtained by calling Deacon Ken at (708) 458-8923 or Tom and Marianne (708) 499-5377.

## Lourdes Show Chorus takes 3rd Place in New York competition

Ms. Mariagnes Menden, Director of the Lourdes High School Show Chorus is pleased to announce that the LHS Show Chorus took home the 3rd place trophy from the 2001 New York Music Festival. The competition took place at the College of Staten Island, Center for Performing Arts, Williamson Theatre and Concert Hall on May 4th.

Several song and dance selections from the musical "All That Jazz" were performed at the competition by 35 Lourdes students. Assisting with choreography was Ms. Josephine Gomez.

This is the sixth competition and trip that the LHS Chorus has been involved with. Last year they performed at Disney World, Orlando, FL. In 1999 competition was in Charleston, SC, in 1998 it was in Philadelphia, PA and in 1996 and 1997 they competed in Branson, MO.

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### Home Alone

Bill and I just returned from a week long trip in paradise. No, we didn't indulge in the romance of a Caribbean cruise, nor did we visit the sandy white beaches of a honeymoon destination such as Cancun. The truth is, we never had to leave the comfort of our living room to discover the sweet surrender of solace.

Recently, as luck would have it, both of our daughters' separate summer get aways fell on the same week. Katie's trip to Ireland, coincided with Jaime's trip to California. Both girls gone at the same time meant only one thing to Bill and I -- We were HOME ALONE!

Not since we were blessed with the pitter patter of little feet, some 20 years ago, have we ever known the complete freedom of being on our own. Had we died and went to Home Alone Heaven? We were definitely in another realm and time, the likes of which we were certain didn't exist.

There we were indulging in take out for two, in front of the TV. The remote control was ours, all ours, and we never once clicked in the direction of MTV. The ringing of the phone signaled another luxury. The phone would be for one of us and we could, actually carry a conversation without the shadow of a teen-ager lurking close by.

Oh, the glory of a kitchen that stays the way you left it --

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The sweet sights and sounds of serenity caressed our few days and nights alone. The break in the daily grind also served as a time of reflection. In the silence we wondered, out loud, when the steps of tiny tots turned into a stampede everytime the phone rang. Or how the days of skinned knees and toothless smiles, turned into the growing up years of self-discovery and moving away.

All good things must come to an end, as did our little "at home" getaway. With the slam of the door and a shout of "Hi mom, I'm home!", our household was back to normal. It didn't take long for old routines to take up residence once again, and we found ourselves welcoming the chaos. Through the silence came serendipity. For someday very soon our days of being home alone will be painfully permanent. Someday the quiet that echoes through empty rooms will find us yearning for the chatter of our daughters' childhood.

Blessed are those joyous days of family life. For no matter if we're enjoying peace or experiencing pandemonium, there's always love to keep everything together.

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## The Oak Lawn Park District presents The Special Consensus

The Oak Lawn Park District Summer Concert program presents The Special Consensus, one of the nation's premier bluegrass bands from Chicago. This free outdoor concert will take place on Thursday, June 28, at 7:00 pm in Worthbrook Park, 89th Place and Ridgeland Avenue, in Oak Lawn.

"They travel all over the country, playing their traditional American bluegrass music," says Jim Popko, cultural arts supervisor at Oak Lawn Park District.

The four current band members have been together for only a few years. Lead singer, Greg Cahill, originally from Oak Lawn, is one of the country's premier banjo players, says Popko. He formed The

Special Consensus in 1975. Tim Dishman joined the band in 1999 and plays bass; Josh Williams once played in Opryland before he joined the band in 1999; Jamie Clifton, the newest member, sings lead and plays the guitar.

The Special Consensus performed last year with the park district and put on a great show, says Popko. At the free concert this year, the park district will raffle off a foursome golf pass to Stony Creek Golf Course, 5850 W. 103rd Street. For more information about The Special Consensus, visit their website at [www.shorock.com/special](http://www.shorock.com/special).

For more information about the concert, call the park district at 708-857-2200 or email [info@olparks.com](mailto:info@olparks.com).

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## Worth Village Board Meeting

Worth Village President Edward Guzdziol confidently faced his first real hurdle as community leader with his denial of a liquor license request for a "sports bar" at 6500 W. 111th Street.

Guздziol, who retains almost total control in granting/rejecting such applications, denied a request by Clark Buckendahl to open what was described as a "sports bar featuring over a dozen television sets..." in the building that previously housed Hollywood Video.

Guздziol noted the public hearing as prescribed by law clearly indicated the majority of neighboring residents were adamantly opposed to Buckendahl's petition.

Guздziol explained the bar would "create additional traffic and noise at late hours, particularly after midnight, when the establishment would still be open and serving liquor to patrons."

Guздziol further noted, "I fully support economic development in Worth, but I believe that this particular application presents public safety issues of a sufficiently severe nature that I am justified in denying the issuance of a license."

Guздziol additionally cited several legal precedents involving similar situations ruled upon by the Illinois Liquor Commission.

The petitioner has 20 days to file an appeal with the

Illinois Liquor Control Commission.

A request for a business license for an establishment named *Inferior Tattoos & Body Piercing*, 6657 W. 111th Street, was summarily rejected by the Village Board, since the Village does not include a specific reference to tattoo parlors in its list of acceptable businesses.

The trustees concurred that rather than simply add *tattoo parlors* to the existing list, they would require the petitioner to formally request the change and act upon it when necessary.

A request for a liquor license by *Paczki Restaurant*, 11228 S. Harlem Ave., was denied until such time the business is re-opened following a change in ownership.

Trustee John O'Connell continued in his efforts to pick up the pieces of a construction fiasco inherited as a legacy from the previous Village administration.

O'Connell noted many major components necessary for electrical service at the golf course concession stand were either missing or uncompleted.

O'Connell related his frustrations in dealing with previous contractors who wanted no part of the project once they received their money.

O'Connell explained \$8,750 was allocated for the project. To date, funds

amounting to \$1,250 have been accounted for.

O'Connell also presented a progress report on the newly revised construction permit fee structure promised as part of the victorious Integrity Party's campaign platform.

Many of the fees for major projects will be reduced from 40 to 50 percent; certain minor home improvement repair permits will be eliminated.

Village Clerk Bonnie Price suggested the Village offer a season pass option for those who frequently use the Village-owned boat launch.

Price suggested a \$50.00 per season fee would be appropriate. Laminated permits would be created "in house" by Village employees. The board unanimously approved the suggestion, along with a previous motion to study the feasibility of selling fuel at the facility.

The Board unanimously approved an ordinance that would require all contractors hired by the Village to pay their employees according to Illinois Prevailing Wage guidelines. Existing Village employees are currently exempt from the latter requirement.

Worth resident Steve Werner urged to Board to investigate an ongoing problem of garbage being blown out of scavenger trucks and onto private and public property

engineering, and technology.

Argonne National Laboratory has more than 4,000 employees, including 1,400 scientists and engineers, of whom about 700 hold doctorate degrees. Argonne's annual operating budget of more than \$475 million supports upwards of 200 research projects, ranging from students of the atomic nucleus to global climate change research. Since 1990 Argonne has worked with more than 600 companies and numerous federal agencies and other organizations.

The interns will serve at the Illinois site of Argonne National Laboratory, located on 1500 wooded acres, surrounded by forest preserve about 20 miles west of Daley College. Interns have the option of housing at the laboratory or receiving a housing allowance commuting from home.



## Junior High Students donate videos to the Little Company Cancer Center

The Evergreen Park Junior High Student Council purchased an assortment of videos and donated them to the Little Company of Mary's Cancer Center. From left to right: Molly Malone, Allison Parker, Lindsay McGivern, Sheila Dugan, Michelle Christerson, Bill Chopik, Melane Tomas.

The Evergreen Park Junior High School Student Council purchased an assortment of videos and donated them to the Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers' Cancer Center.

The Student Council had several fundraising events including Meals on Wheels - the Council sold donuts, juice and milk to students for breakfast -- to raise money for the videos.

After the class presented a check for \$452 to the Center, students toured the new facilities -- including a state of the art linear accelerator and simulators for use in radiation therapy; eight private, sunlit chemotherapy treatment bays; the Community Resource Library; and the Serenity Room (for meditation and reflection).

"I think it's important that the students get to see where

the proceeds are applied," said Wendy Drynan, Associate Director of Foundation Services at Little Company. "They get to see the great benefits of their hard work and meet the people they have touched."

## Office of Citizens' Services

Evergreen Park Seniors: To enjoy a "cool" afternoon, join the group at the H.B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street to play bridge, cards, chess or pinochle. Air conditioned and enjoyable!

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## Daley College tops nation

Daley College has been awarded twelve Department of Energy internships this summer -- more than any other community college in the nation. "We are extremely proud of this achievement," noted Mark Warden, Interim President and resident of Beverly. "This is a direct reflection of our exceptional faculty and excellent academic programs. The news is all the more exciting in that our internships have grown from nine last year to thirteen this year."

As in the past, all of Daley's interns will be serving at Argonne National Laboratory. This summer will be the third in which Daley College led the nation in internships at the national

laboratories. Warden noted that several Daley students who first went to Argonne as interns funded by the Department of Energy have been subsequently renewed on the Argonne budget. These include Manuel Almazan, Mark Hattoon, Anthony Oleszkiewics, Tanya Crumb, and Anne Marie Fisher.

Argonne National Laboratory is one of the U.S. Department of Energy's largest research centers, and was the nation's first national laboratory. Created after the end of World War II, Argonne was given the mission of developing nuclear reactors for peaceful purposes. Over the years, Argonne's research has expanded to include many other areas of science,

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## Oak Lawn Public Library News

### Free Lavinia Lawn Passes

The Oak Lawn Public Library will offer a limited number of free lawn passes to more than 40 Ravinia Festival "Words and Music" performances this summer. Patrons may stop by the Ravinia display in the library's lobby for a complete listing of program guidelines and a schedule of available concert dates. Sorry, no popular artists.

Sets of free lawn passes (2 or 3) are available to Oak Lawn residents on a first come, first served basis and cannot be reserved by telephone. Patrons must present their library card to claim a set of tickets. One set per patron, not per household. If an Oak Lawn resident has not claimed a set of lawn passes 10 days prior to the performance date, they will be offered to the public at large.

For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

### Friends announce Grant Park Concert Trip

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a trip to hear "The Best of Lerner and Loewe" performed at the Grant Park Music Festival on Saturday, July 21. An in-person registration will be held Saturday, June 16 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, at the Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95th Street.

Enjoy selections from Broadway musicals, including Camelot, Paint Your Wagon, Brigadoon, Gigi and My Fair Lady. The cost is \$5 per person, which includes transportation and the concert is free. Advance tickets will be offered to Friends members at their Annual Dinner Meeting, June 14.

After the in-person registration closes, you may call Genevieve Sobanski to check ticket availability, 708-598-7971, after 4:00 pm.

### Library Board Meeting Date Change

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees has changed their next monthly meeting date to Tuesday, June 26, at 7:30 pm, which is one week later than usual.

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees regularly meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. Meetings are open to the public at the Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, in the Oak Lawn Rotary Room, lower level.

Library board members are: Joann Buschbach, president; Shirley Barrett, vice president; Robert Honkisz, secretary; Marian Sullivan, treasurer; Lois Gasteyer, Frank March and Patricia Roberts, trustees.

### Library Displays for July 2001

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, will host exhibits from the First Church of Christ, Scientist and the Moraine Valley Community College Host a Home Program in their first floor community display cases throughout the month of July.

Individuals and local community groups interested in exhibiting special collections, activities and creative works at the library may pick up a display case application at their Reception Booth, first floor.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

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## McAuley's Student Council

From left to right, top: Molly Bell, Hannah Lawler; middle: Alison Biel, Kira Obermeier, Erin Dillon; bottom: Courtney Sullivan, Maura McCarthy, Marina Romero, and Colleen Byrne.

The Student Council at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, 3737 W. 99th Street, Chicago, has announced their new officers for the 2001-2002 school year. The following young women were named: *President* - Marina Romero, *Vice President* - Melissa Soso, *Secretary* - Maura McCarthy, and *Treasurer* - Colleen Byrne. In addition, co-chairs for each level were elected. They are *Senior Co-Chairs* - Erin Dillon and Courtney Sullivan, *Junior Co-Chairs* -

Molly Bell and Hannah Lawler, and *Sophomore Co-Chairs* - Alison Biel and Kira Obermeier. Commissioners for the 2001-2002 school year are: juniors Colleen Barrett, Natalie Bennett, Bridget Boyce, Bridget Byrne, Katie Harris, Nora Kellam, Amy Sawyers, and Haneen Shalabi; sophomores Eileen Boyce, Jade Paula Cabrera, Serena Houston, and Mary Jennings.

McAuley's Student Council contributes to the development of student leadership

and enthusiasm within the school community through encouraging the leadership qualities of students, promoting school spirit and accomplishments, serving as a liaison between the adult community and students regarding mutual concerns, problems and functions and contributing to a community with strong Christian values.

### St. Gerald's Women Club

which must include experience, to The Beverly Theatre Guild, 9936 Harnew Road East, Oak Lawn. "Into the Woods" will be presented in November, 2001. Interviews will be held in July or early August.

Saturday night only performance of Flanagan's Wake at St. Gerald's Chapel Hall on June 23rd. Doors open at 7:00 pm and the play begins at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased ahead by calling 708-423-2706 or purchase at the door. Seating is first come, first serve.

### Beverly Theatre Guild

The Beverly Theatre Guild needs Directors, Musical and Choreographers for the 2001-2002 theater season. There are all paid positions. The first show of the season the musical "Into The Woods" by Stephen Sonheim and James Lapine will require a Director, Musical Director and Choreographer. In addition to this three person staff, Directors are needed for the classic drama, "Death of a Salesman" by Arthur Miller, to be presented in February of 2002 and the madcap comedy, "Noises Off" by Michael Frayn to be presented in April 2002. All shows are performed at the Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th Street, Chicago. This is the guild's 39th season. Interested parties should send resumes or letters of interest,

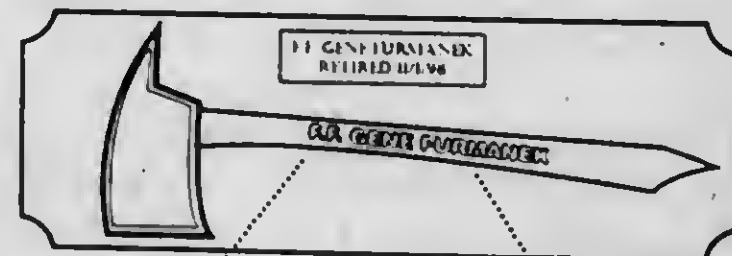


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Lemonade and home baked cookies will be served at one of the gardens. Tickets are available for \$5 each. For further information call 708-424-4846 or 425-3609.



## Health and Safety Fair

Health and Safety Fair is Saturday, June 23, 2001, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Chicago Ridge Village Hall, 10455 S. Ridgeland Ave., in the Senior Citizen Center, downstairs.

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Sunday, June 24, 2001 at St. Fabian Church, 8300 S. Thomas, Bridgeview, 3:00 pm. Join with others to pray, sing and be strengthened to continue life in a Christ-like way after divorce. Fellowship following Mass provided by St. Fabian Parish. For additional information call the Ministry to Separated and Divorced Office at 312-751-8353 or email: divorce@archdiocese-chgo.org.

Poets and Patrons, Inc. announces its 45th Chicagoland Poetry Contest for people living within a 60 mile radius of Chicago. Cash prizes will be awarded in 6 categories. Entry fee is \$5, none for high school entrants. For rules and write contest chairman: Judith Gole, Unit 2 C, 6850 Ridge Point Drive, Oak Forest, IL 60452, and include a stamped, self-addressed No. 10 envelope for reply. Deadline is August 15, 2001.

## Southtown Dahlia Club

There will be a meeting of the Southtown Dahlia Club on Sunday, June 24, 2001 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Crestwood Civic Center, 14025 S. Kostner Ave., Crestwood.

The program is called Disbranching and Disbudding. Coffee, desserts, and door prizes will be available. For further information call 708-361-1123.



## Chicago Shakespeare Theater hosts Summer on Stage at Navy Pier

Pictured is Lauren Frost as Dorothy, Don Forston as the Cowardly Lion, Marc Robbin as the Scarecrow, and Stephen P. Full as the Tin Man.

Summer on Stage at Navy Pier begins on June 16 with Marriott Theatre's much acclaimed musical production of The Wizard of Oz, directed by Dominic Missimi. Performances of The Wizard of Oz begin Saturday, June 16 and are scheduled to run through August 19; Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm, Fridays at 7:00 pm and Sundays at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$38 for adults, \$28 for children, ages 12 and under. Discounted tickets are available to groups of 20 or more.

Summer on Stage at Navy Pier is a theater festival with something for everyone -- three exciting theatrical productions, running for nine weeks from June 16 through August 19. In addition to Wizard of Oz, the Summer on Stage festival includes, Short Shakespeare!, A Midsummer Night's Dream and Second City's Hamlet!, The Musical and Other Great Exploitations.

For more information about performances and to purchase tickets, call the Chicago Shakespeare Theater Box Office at 312-595-5600. For further

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## Moraine Valley thanks retirees for 365 years of service

Among them, they have 365 years of service to the college. The Moraine Valley Community College Board of Trustees recently honored 14 retirees.

**Vita Bates**, of Palos Hills, came to Moraine Valley in 1987 as a part time instructor of child care courses and acting director of the Children's Learning Center. She was promoted to professor in August of 2000 and retires July 31 as director of the Children's Learning Center.

**Dorothy Boonstra**, of Oak Lawn, came to the college in 1968. She retires June 30 as a clerk in Reprographics.

**Lorene Broecker** came to the college in 1972 and retired as a full time secretary April 30.

**John Burian**, of Tinley Park, came to Moraine Valley in 1972 as an assistant professor of Criminal Justice/Political Science. Burian retired May 31 as a professor and director and director of the Center for Faculty and Program Excellence.

**Norma Cempel** began working at the college in 1982. She retires this August as a part time service representative in Admissions, Records and Registration.



Moraine Valley College Professor Randy Devillez, of Palos Park, (left) accepts a gift commemorating his retirement from President Vernon O. Crawley.

**Randy Devillez**, of Palos Park, retired May 31 as a professor of Communications and Literature.

**Joy Fell**, of Evergreen Park, began teaching at Moraine Valley in 1970. She retired May 31 as a professor of Math.

**Dolores Kennedy** has worked at Moraine Valley

since 1982. She retires June 30 as a computer operations specialist in Information Technology.

**Phyllis Kozlowski**, of Orland Park, joined the col-

lege in 1970 as an instructor of Art. She retires July 31 as a professor and director of the Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery.

**Richard Kukac**, of Orland Park, retired March as the dean of Workforce Development and Community Services. He worked at the college for 19 years.

**Robert Lewis** started teaching electronics at the college in 1980. He retires August 4 as an associate professor and program coordinator of Electronics.

**Jay Noteboom** has taught Communications and Literature at Moraine Valley for 29 years. He retires August 31 as an associate professor of Communications and Literature.

**Kate Wulle**, of Orland Park, began teaching and directing academic theater performances at the college 31 years ago. She retires August 31 as a professor of Humanities and Theater and theater coordinator.

**Ray Zuehlke** was hired as a part time instructor in 1980. He retired May 31 as an associate professor and department chair of Nondestructive Evaluation.

For more information, phone Barbara Dargis, College and Community Relations, at 708-974-5742.

### Making Your Mark With Your Favorite Music

(NAPS)—Music lovers will relate to the joy of driving in the convertible, the summer sun at their backs, the wind in their hair, and a new catchy tune on the radio. Then there's the frustration of humming the song for days, switching from station to station in the vain hope that a deejay will identify it, and still having absolutely no idea who sings it. Now, with the help of the eMarker, a keychain-sized gadget, music lovers can simply click on a song to name that tune.

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## Brother Rice Seniors receive Chick Evans Scholarships

Pictured left to right are Jim Sullivan and Brian Carey, both of Evergreen Park.

Brother Rice High School seniors Jim Sullivan and Brian Carey, both of Evergreen Park, have been awarded Chick Evans Scholarships. The scholarships are based on high school grades, financial needs, moral character and record as a golf cadie. The award covers tuition and housing for one year, and may be renewed for a total of four years by meeting the standards of the Evans Scholarship Program. Sullivan will attend Marquette University and Carey will attend the

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

They are two of approximately 200 winners of Evans Scholarships this year, and will become part of 850 Evans Scholars on campuses next fall. There are more than 8,000 who have graduated from college as Evans Scholars since the award was first made in 1930. The scholarships are supported by the financial contributions of the 100,000 golfers who contributed to the Evans Scholar Foundation.

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## Heart of the Father Ministries

Dr. David Nichols will be ministering in your area soon! He will be speaking at Risen Savior Assembly of God, located 6059 S. Archer in Chicago, Illinois on Saturday, June 30, 2001 from 10:30 am to Noon and 1:30 to 3:00 pm and on Sunday, July 1, at 10:30 am. David Nichols has been a pastor, preacher, and educator for

over 20 years. He holds a Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from Marquette University, and is an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God. He has been a professor and administrator in Christian higher education for 15 years.

Dr. Nichols brings a prophetic message that calls people to the altar for an encounter with the loving God. Come expecting salvation, deliverance, healing, and mercy from the heart and hand of our Heavenly Father!

## Chicago Magic SC set to field a record 27 teams in the fall

The Chicago Magic Soccer Club based in Frankfort will organize a record 27 boys and girls teams this coming fall. The fall season begins in late August but most established teams, like the Chicago Magic, are required to organize their try-outs and rosters many months in advance of the fall season.

The family of Magic teams begins with under 8 year old boys and under 9 year old girls includes, for the first time, at least two high school aged boys teams that are part of the Magic year around training program. The Magic's new College-Bound program begins for the first time this fall after more than two years of study and preparation.

The Magic will add seven new boys teams from ages U-11 through U-14 in the Fox

Valley corridor as it expands its market presence in the far western suburbs through its alliance with the Team Chicago FC that was formulated this past spring. The Fox Valley squads will continue to practice and play their league matches in the Naperville-Aurora area as staff coaches from the Chicago Magic will commute to their local facilities.

The Chicago Magic teams expect to play in the newly formed Southland Soccer Leagues and will, once again, host the very large Best of the Midwest Tournaments with Kohl Department Stores as a principal, new sponsor.

For more information concerning additional teams being formed for the fall contact Coach Scott Fonfara at 815-469-1741 or go to the Magic's web site at [www.chicagomagic.com](http://www.chicagomagic.com).

## Taxpayer Group plans suit against grants to Boeing Company

Casmir F. Gierut, a member of the National Taxpayers United of Illinois, is preparing a law suit against taxpayers' funds to be offered as grants to Boeing Company to help move its headquarters to Chicago.

Gierut sent a certified letter to Governor George Ryan and to Mayor Richard Daley.

According to the Freedom of Information Act, Gierut is requesting Governor Ryan and Mayor Daley to forward a copy of the exact amount of taxpayers funds and a copy of the distribution of these funds as an incentive for Boeing Company to relocate its headquarters from Seattle, Washington to Chicago.

Gierut opposes Mayor Daley lobbying in Springfield in favor of the legislators increasing the State of Illinois Income Tax from 3% to 6% because Chicago is in need of finances. At the same

time, the Mayor has millions of taxpayers' dollars to give away to billionaire Boeing Co. for the next 20 years.

Any taxpayer opposing the give away of millions of taxpayers' funds to Boeing Co. write to me, Casmir F. Gierut, P.O. Box 156, Westmont, Illinois, 60559. Your letter of opposition will be presented to the members of the National Taxpayers United of Illinois to take action in a form of a law suit.

I do not believe in demonstrating in the streets and destroying property. I believe in opposing unjust distribution of taxpayers' funds in the court of law. Let the judge decide whether Mayor Daley and Governor Ryan is right or we, the taxpayers, are right in opposing welfare in the millions of dollars to the super giant Boeing Company.

## Century 21 Pro Team thanks Easter Seals Fundraiser Participants

The offices of Century 21 Pro Team would like to thank everyone who participated in our 2nd annual Candlelight Bowl for Easter Seals on May 18 at Strike 'n Spare Bowling Alley in Lockport. Over 190 people attended the event and raised nearly \$8,000 for the benefit of Easter Seals. "We are proud that our agents, staff and the companies and individuals that we work with everyday helped us in tripling our contribution from last year's event," said Chuck Dinolfo, Century 21 Pro Team's President.

The four Century 21 Pro Team offices in Oak Lawn, Lockport, Tinley Park and Joliet have over 100 agents who participated soliciting donations from the real estate community. Local banks, mortgage companies,

attorneys, title companies and other businesses sponsored lanes, donated prizes or just came to enjoy themselves and show their support for Easter Seals.

Since 1979 Century 21 has supported Easter Seals through local fundraising activities and volunteerism, raising more than \$64 million world wide to help children and adults with disabilities lead fuller, more independent lives. If you would like additional information about our next Candlelight Bowl or would like to participate in our Easter Seals recycling program, please contact one of our offices. Oak Lawn 708-424-1199; Lockport 815-838-0110; Tinley Park/Orland 708-444-1199; or Joliet/Plainfield 815-730-1199.

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## Exhibit displayed in honor of Women's History Month

The Office of Governor George H. Ryan hosted an exhibit in honor of Women's History Month in James R. Thompson. The exhibit featured women's organizations dedicated to the advancement and empowerment of women in Illinois.



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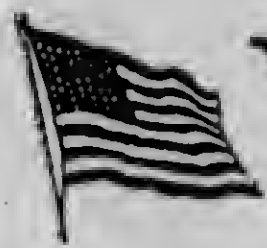
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

## Citizens raise flags over Soldier Field

By Rick Techman

Midway community residents rallied around World War II veteran Marius "Scotty" Gallagher and other local veterans recently to stop Mayor Richard M. Daley's proposal to impose a corporate name on Soldier Field after its renovation in downtown Chicago.

Gallagher, with the support of Chicago activist Pat Quinn, American Legion Post 1112 past commander Jack Thompson and numerous southwest side community groups, led a protest by mail to the Mayor's office on the fifth floor of City Hall. The protest was simple, inexpensive, benign and as solemn as could be performed.

Gallagher visited community groups throughout the area encouraging all veterans and citizens in general who were against the name change to get a post card size copy of an American flag, affix

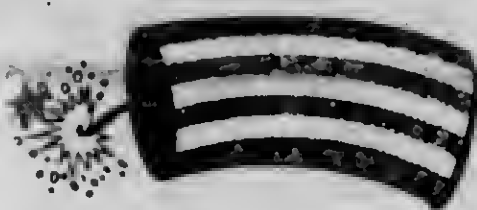
proper postage, and mail it in to the Mayor at City Hall. Gallagher explained there was no need to write anything on the back of the flag. The sender's signature would be proof enough that the protest was real. Gallagher said the Mayor and the members of his staff would know what the flags meant.

About 150 USA Flag post cards were distributed to angry taxpayers who wanted to participate in the protest. It is unknown how many more were purchased, drawn, clipped or otherwise devised to send to the Mayor. "The point of the flags," Gallagher said, "was to tell him (Daley) Soldier Field belongs to the veterans and not to change the name."

Gallagher also said he was part of an in-person protest at the fifth floor of City Hall with Quinn as the anchor to draw mainstream attention to this veteran's affair. Gallagher said both he and Thompson spoke before the cameras at City

Hall to make their voices heard. In Gallagher's address to the cameras he said, "The City of Chicago named Soldier Field to honor the brave men who fought, were wounded and died in World War I for this country. Did these corporations," he continued, "fight and serve in World War I? Of course not."

Following his public address, Gallagher added prudently, "I wonder how the Mayor would feel if they changed the name of the Daley Center to the Sears Center?"



delinquent amount before a judge can order the transfer of the title, but they also incur additional fees.

In the past, Orr's office has taken up the causes of many homeowners who face the loss of the property and has partnered with government officials, churches and community organizations to educate homeowners on how to avoid these situations.

The Clerk's office has also promoted several proposals aimed at protecting the interests of homeowners, including a bill sponsored by state Rep. Julie Hamos and approved by state lawmakers last year that prevents taxpayers from losing their property as a result of certain clerical errors.

Other legislative initiatives have included ending the practice of predatory overbidding, which made it financially impossible for homeowners to redeem the taxes from tax buyers, and giving property owners more notice after their taxes have been purchased at a tax sale.

Any Cook County property owner who needs assistance may call the county Clerk's Tax and Real Estate Division at 312-603-5645.



## Tribute to Ethnic Women's Organizations

Illinois First Lady Lura Lynn Ryan hosted Governor George H. Ryan's Tribute to Ethnic Women's Organizations in the James R. Thompson Center. The exhibits included over 30 different women's organizations displaying a colorful array of cultural items and information about their charitable work. Pictured with Mrs. Ryan are representatives from the Polish Women's Alliance of America. Pictured left to right: Dorothy Poulus, State President of PWA, Mrs. Ryan and Bogumila Padowski.

## Soundproofing money up in the air

By Rick Techman

Though duplex units, two-flats and a few other buildings originally left out of the Midway Airport Noise Abatement budget can soon expect some soundproofing relief, Midway Airport Noise Commission member Marius "Scotty" Gallagher said the southwest side still is not getting its fair share of money or effort to soundproof homes in the area in a timely manner.

Gallagher said a budget of about \$60 million has reportedly been set aside from Midway Airport passenger facility charges to cover local soundproofing for the three years beginning in 2002 and running through 2004. He said the Chicago Department of Aviation has already told him some soundproofing is in progress in the residential area around 63rd Street and Cicero Avenue.

But, Gallagher explained, the O'Hare area will be getting more than \$81 million during the same period of time to soundproof homes.

Gallagher said this was clearly a double standard as long as homes around O'Hare being soundproofed fall in the 70 decibel sound range while at Midway, homes, right off the edge of the runways, are in the 80 decibel sound range.

Gallagher explained Midway Airport's PFC money, received from every passenger boarding a commercial flight at Midway Airport, is used to provide soundproofing dollars for the area. But, he noted, with O'Hare Airport's greater volume of flights and passengers, O'Hare PFC's add up to more money faster. He said O'Hare Airport's PFC's have even been sent south to fund improvements at the Gary Airport in Indiana.

He said the improvements at Gary Airport are not used for soundproofing but are used to make it more attractive to commercial aviation. Gary has already received a \$1.5 million budget from O'Hare PFC's in 2000 and could reach as much as a \$2.25 million budget with continued financing in 2001.

Gallagher said even if and when the \$60 million is released for soundproofing beginning in 2002 for the Midway area, this budget will be cut in about half with part of it going to duplexes, schools and other buildings while the bigger half goes to single family homes.

Gallagher also explained the Midway area homeowners will be offered any one of five of the listed modification packages consisting of various degrees of soundproofing work. In the O'Hare area all homes are offered one complete package.

## St. Mary Star of the Sea On Track Singles

The St. Mary Star of the Sea On Track Singles group will hold a general meeting on Monday, July 2, 2001, beginning at 7:30 pm, contact John 773-585-8242 or Lucy 773-778-8239, after 7:00 pm.

## Ombudsmen will help homeowners avoid losing property

The Cook County Clerk's office has created two full time positions to assist property owners in danger of losing their homes in the tax auction sale, Clerk David Orr said today.

Serving as ombudsmen in the Real Estate and Tax Services Division of the Clerk's office, Susan Cervantes and Steve Kidd will provide a safety net for homeowners who might otherwise fall through the cracks and face the loss of property as a result of unpaid back taxes.

"Even property owners with the best intentions can

fall victim to the complexities of the property tax system and find themselves out of luck," said Orr, whose office maintains records of tax delinquent properties. "Our goal is to prevent homeowners, particularly seniors, from losing their property through no fault of their own."

A small number of property owners, for whatever reason, fail to pay their property taxes, which eventually get sold at the county tax sale. Most property owners whose unpaid taxes are sold at the tax sale eventually pay the



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## Palos Hills City Council

## Moraine Valley College News

by Jude Coyle

Joe Cantelli spoke to the Palos Hills City Council on June 7. From 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. each work day, and all weekend long, a neighbor parks his work vehicle in a lot across the street from Mr. Cantelli's business. The neighbor is employed in the same business as Mr. Cantelli, although his employer is located in Chicago. The vehicle, a pick-up truck, is labeled with the name of the business.

Mr. Cantelli felt that the vehicle serves as advertising for one of his competitors, and that the place where the truck is parked is violating an off street parking ordinance. Mr. Cantelli asked for help. Most Aldermen agreed that the driver not only violated the afore mentioned ordinance, but the new sign ordinance as well.

Alderman Scurek commented that he has noticed the vehicle and has even called the police. The neighbor had been given sixty days to move the truck, and as of yet, hasn't complied. The police department was instructed to look into the situation.

Attorney George Pappas reported that the Palos Pizza liquor violation hearing was rescheduled for July 9, at 6 p.m. According to Mr. Pappas, this was held up pending the resolution of a criminal matter. That has finally been cleared up.

Mayor Gerald Bennett brought up a similar matter. The Class 'C' liquor license held by Pup Time had been revoked. Because Pup Time has not filed an appeal with the City, an ordinance was introduced to reduce the number of available class 'C' licenses by one.

One of the duties of a Mayor outside of the City of Chicago, is to act as liquor commissioner. Mayor Bennett takes this position seriously.

ously. He said again and again. "A liquor license is a privilege, and should be treated as one."

Class 'C' is given to restaurants / bars. According to Mayor Bennett, at least 40% of the business must be an operating restaurant. Palos Hills does not have 'bars'. As with Pup Time, this is one reason why licenses have been suspended or revoked.

In the past twenty years, Mayor Bennett has suspended or revoked more licenses than any one other liquor commissioner in the area. He assured the audience that Palos Hills has some great restaurants which are operating within the guidelines set out by City ordinance. Those establishments not operating within City code are cited. Other instances that have resulted in the loss of a license includes selling liquor to minors, or gambling. Palos Pizza, he said, was cited for gambling.

A discussion followed concerning the price of a liquor license. The price has not risen in 17 years. Aldermen felt that it was time to take a look at the cost. Alderman Scurek also pointed out that his committee is continuing to work on reorganizing zoning classifications.

Alderman Pasek closed the meeting with a quote from Thomas Jefferson. "We often repent of what we had said, but never, never for what we have not."

Police Chief commended by U.S. Department of Justice

Les Peterson, chief of the Moraine Valley Police Department, has been commended by the U.S. Department of Justice for exhibiting the highest standards of cooperative law enforcement.

As head of law enforcement on campus for 17 years, Peterson has earned several awards from the Justice Department over the years. Peterson, who has a master's degree in criminal justice and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Chicago Police Academy, also teaches in the college's Criminal Justice Program.

For more information, phone Barbara Dargis, College and Community Relations, at 708-974-5742.



Susan Humbles of Chicago Ridge (center), a student at Moraine Valley Community College, accepts the John Gubbay Memorial Scholarship from President Vernon O. Crawley and Trustee Susan Murphy at the college's scholarship awards ceremony April 25. The scholarship is awarded to outstanding students.

Learn or improve on golf during spring and summer months

Beginning Golf classes offer students the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of golf at Moraine Valley with experienced

instructors who will give advice on grip, stance, swing, and other basics of the sport. Courses are offered in June and July. The fee is \$75. Students purchase buckets of balls as needed.

Those who have taken Beginning Golf or have sufficient

on course experience may take Intermediate Golf classes designed to assist them with techniques to improve their score. Courses are offered in July and August. The fee also is \$75. Students purchase buckets of balls as needed.

## Chicago Ridge Village Board of Trustees Meeting

by Jude Coyle

Mayor Gene Siegel presented retiring Public Works Superintendent Pete Chiappetti with a small box at the June 5, 2001 Village Board of Trustees Meeting. Mayor Siegel apologized that the traditional rocking chair usually given to retiring employees couldn't fit in the box. He felt that Mr. Chiappetti was too active to use one anyway. Instead, Mr. Chiappetti received a gold watch.

Tenants living in the apartment buildings on Sayre have met with the developer, Finch Berry, to discuss the neighboring truck docks. According to Engineer Dr. Christopher Burke, Finch Berry is working to monitor the noise levels caused by the daily operation of the trucking companies leasing space at that site. Trucks are now parking on the east side of

the property. The companies are also trying to conclude work before one a.m.

Trustee Dan Badon passed along his appreciation for a job well done. After reviewing a comprehensive emergency and disaster plan sent to Cook County Emergency & Disaster Agency (E.S.D.A.) the Village received a Certificate of Accreditation from Director Kevin Phillips. Deputy Police Chief Tim Baldermann has worked to reorganize and restaff E.S.D.A.

Dr. Burke discussed the 2001 street program. He unraveled a plan showing the new parking lot that will Station and Public Works buildings were located. Part of the plans include replacing the alley located behind the property. It is crumbling and water pools on it after the rain.

According to Dr. Burke,

when the alley was laid July 4, 2076."

many years ago, the last few feet did not line up with the right-of-way, cutting into the land where the buildings had been located. He explained that when the alley is replaced, it will be made to line up properly. He said that the land is there, and that the new alley will not cut into anyone's property. By correcting this, the parking lot will pick up extra parking spaces.

Before the parking lot can be built, Trustee Dan Badon remarked that the time capsule has to be moved. It was originally placed by the entrance of the old Police Station.

The capsule is black marble, and the inscription reads, "Dedicated to the future of Chicago Ridge by the Chamber of Commerce. Time Capsule sealed on July 4, 1976. To be opened in two stages, July 4, 2026, and

Now that the building has been torn down and the property allowed to return to a more natural state, the block is surrounded by weeds and tall grass, and is difficult to see from the street.

Asked what will be done with it, Trustee Badon guessed that it might be moved into the Municipal Complex grounds. Exactly where, he wasn't sure.

Repairs need to be made to the sanitary sewers on the 10700 block of Austin. That will be done by the Public Works Department.

Work will be completed on the intersections of 95th and Harlem, and at 107th and Oak Park. At 107th, Hawk Construction has been hired to upgrade the traffic signals and railroad tracks. Money for that project will be supplied by a Federal grant.

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### Sales Tax

by Jude Coyle

Ever wonder why one might pay 8% sales tax in Oak Lawn, 8.5% in Chicago Ridge, and 7.75% in other places? Have you ever wondered where your sales tax goes to? I have.

I started my research at Iversen's Bakery in Blue Island. According to Chris Iversen, he supplies his accountant with his monthly sales figures, and a break out of taxes paid by his customers. The accountant then fills out the proper schedules and mail them and a check to the State.

Chris explained that he is required to report sales in four categories. When Iversen's sell items like soda or birthday candles they charge 7.75% sales tax. (Other retailers sell non edibles, pop, drinks with less than 10% fruit juice, and fast foods like McDonald hamburgers at this rate.) The tax rate for cakes, cookies, milk and the like is 2%. (Other edibles that are not considered 'fast foods', like meat purchased at the butcher or at a grocery store, produce, canned or boxed goods, etc. are sold at the 2% rate.)

Although taxes are not collected on the sale of wholesale goods, Chris reports those sales. That includes cakes, doughnuts, pies, etc., sold to restaurants for resale.

The other item Chris must report, is total sales made to tax exempt organizations. According to Bob at the Illinois Department of Revenue Central Registration Office in Springfield, organizations qualifying under state statute, like churches, charities, and nonprofit organizations, do not pay sales tax. The retailer is able to keep track of these sales because representatives of those organizations must present a letter from the Illinois Department of Revenue when purchases are made.

According to Mike Clemens of the Department of Revenue, disbursement of taxes takes roughly three months. If I bought a cake at Iversen's today, the sales tax would be mailed next month. By the end of September, the Department of Revenue would have processed the schedule, corrected it if necessary, cashed the check and made disbursements.

Bob in Central Registration explained where the money goes. The base sales tax in Illinois begins at 6-1/4%. Five percent goes



### Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

Communities in Cook County will benefit from a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) of \$5,213,349 from the U.S. Department of Justice to support its pioneering crime fighting initiative called Project B.A.D.G.E. (Balanced Approach to Drug and Gang Elimination). The program, administered on behalf of Cook County Board President John H. Stroger, Jr. by the Cook County Judicial Advisory Council, is a cooperative effort with the City of Chicago. Gerald Nichols (right), director of intergovernmental affairs for President Stroger, and James O'Rourke (left), executive director of the Judicial Advisory Council, discuss the program with 38th Ward Alderman Thomas R. Allen following approval June 2 by the Chicago City Council finance committee. Allen, a member of the committee, is chairman of the Council's Committee on Transportation and Public Way.

directly to the State. Of that, a handful of funds receive a small share. One quarter of what is left is deposited in the Common School Fund. The remaining portion is deposited in a general fund.

Part of that 6-1/4% is one quarter of one percent. This is a supplemental tax paid to the State.

One percent is returned to the municipality where the retailer is located. If that is an unincorporated area, that portion of the tax is sent to the county instead.

In Cook and the five collar counties, three quarters of one percent is sent to the Regional Transit Authority. Another 3/4 of one percent goes to Cook County.

### Palos Park Community Church

Palos Park Church, 12312 S. 88th Avenue, will be hosting a concert by national recording artist David Bailey on Sunday, July 15th at 7:00 pm.

David is an inspiring musician whose songs reflect his status as a brain tumor survivor since 1996. Themes such as hope and the preciousness of time are woven in with a beautiful finger picked guitar style and David's engaging stage presence. The concert will be held outdoors if weather permits. Light refreshments will be served. A freewill offering will be taken. For more information call the church office at 708-448-5220.

ty. That adds up to 7-3/4%.

Home rule communities are the exception to the above. These are municipalities with more than 25,000 residents, or where residents voted to allow a municipality to become home ruled. One of the benefits is that the village or city can collect more sales tax. An example is Chicago Ridge where shoppers pay 8.5% sales tax. Oak Lawn, another home rule community, charges 8%, and Evergreen Park charges 8.25%. The difference is theirs.

According to Mayor Gene Siegel, home rule was the best thing to happen to Chicago Ridge. That extra little bit has allowed the Vil-

lage to lay roads, storm sewers, gutters, and sidewalks; and to hire more full time police and firefighters. It has also provided the Village with the funds to build the new Municipal Complex.

Because Chicago is home ruled, it has imposed another tax called the 'motor vehicle home rule tax'. When a Chicago resident purchases a vehicle, he must pay an additional 1% above the regular sales tax. The twist is Chicago collects no matter where the vehicle is sold. It is up to the dealer, whether located in Chicago, Oak Lawn or Schamburg, to add on that charge, and to pass it on to the State for disbursement back to Chicago.

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## Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirity  
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### What's Luck Got To Do With It?

My mother, God rest her soul, had a saying that pretty much summed up her outlook on life. She'd often say, "If it wasn't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all." Though at times she could seem a bit pessimistic, there was one occasion when her bad luck philosophy proved to be justified.

At first it seemed that Mom's luck was changing when she won the grand prize in a church raffle, many years ago. It looked like her ship was finally coming in, or I should say cruising in, on the wheels of a brand new car.

As she got caught up in the excitement I reminded her that she could no longer be the lady that sings the blues; especially when it looked as if 'lady luck' was finally on her side. And then the unthinkable happened: The night of my bridal shower Mom's prized possession burst into flames, with all the bridal gifts inside!

The other day it seemed as if Mom's bad luck theory was being passed down to me; for its effects recently hit home right in my own back yard.

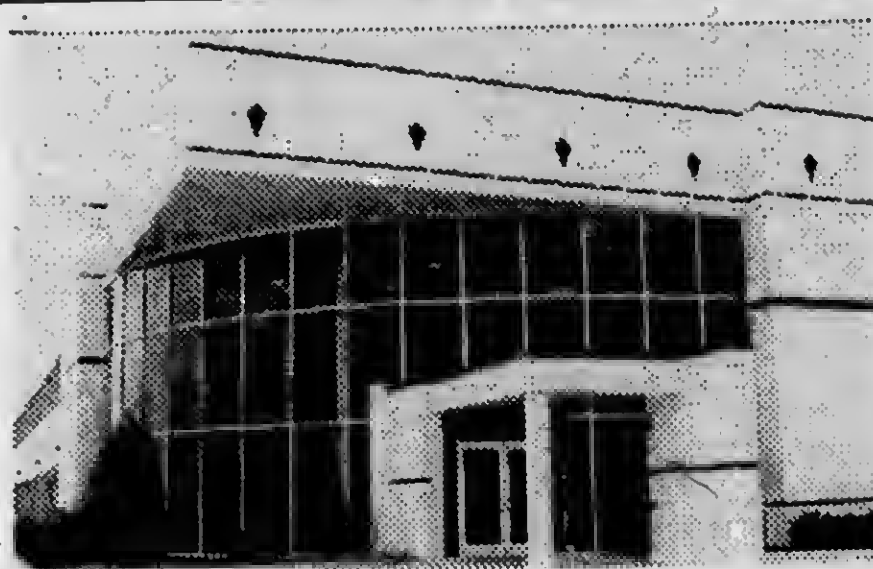
The pool in our backyard has survived over a dozen summers of kids jumping, splashing and swimming away hot days in water logged glory. The source of our summertime refreshment had definitely seen better days, which is why we planned on replacing it next summer. With an upcoming graduation party to organize and sending two kids off to college, the last thing on our financial agenda was installing a swimming pool.

Bill spent two days draining, scrubbing and patching potential weak spots, until there was only one thing left to do. The hose was turned on, and as the water rippled on the bottom of our trusty pool on a hot and sweltering summer's afternoon, we chanted -- for luck -- 'ONE MORE YEAR, ONE MORE YEAR!' But it was not meant to be. The next morning, with more water in the yard than in the pool, we knew we had to act and rather quickly. "Hello, Pool-a-Rama!?" There we were, a year ahead of schedule, spending a small

fortune on what has turned into a necessity. At first I indulged myself in a pity party for one. "Just our luck," I couldn't help whining to myself, at the thought of having to deal with the mess and inconvenience at an already overwhelming time.

Then, I looked out in the backyard to see my dear hubby, going about the business of doing what needed to be done. Without one word of complaint, he dismantled the antiquated pool and began the back-breaking job of digging and hauling away the old and craggy rocks, piled along the edges of the pool's base.

And as I watched him labor in the hot summer sun that day, I realized how lucky I truly am. For no matter what unexpected circumstances may befall me; no matter how unlucky I sometimes feel -- one thing will never change. I know his quiet, unwavering strength will always give me the reason to feel lucky in love.



## St. Colleta's of Illinois names new building

St. Colleta's of Illinois has chosen to honor State Representative Lee A. Daniels, Republican leader of the Illinois House of Representatives, for his ten years of service to the developmentally disabled by naming its new Tinley Park building in his honor. The vocational program center and administrative complex opened in April and provides education and training to 160 teenagers and adults with developmental disabilities.

During his time in office, Daniels has been the force behind numerous initiatives to benefit those with developmental disabilities, including the first in the nation trust fund to ensure adequate funding for longterm care. His work on behalf of the developmentally disabled has earned him awards from The National Federation of the Handicapped, Community Awareness Unlimited, the Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, United Cerebral Palsy and the Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

The center will be called the St. Colleta's of Illinois Vocational Program Center and Administrative Complex, Lee A. Daniels Building. Daniels will be honored during a special ceremony and open house on July 19. His Eminence Francis Cardinal George will officiate at the dedication. The building will be open to the public for tours from 1 to 7 pm that day.

St. Colleta's of Illinois is a not for profit agency with headquarters located in Palos Park. It provides residential, educational and work opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities. St. Colleta's operates Kennedy School and the Vocational Program Center along with 32 residential locations in various communities.

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## Daley College Professor wins State Math Award

Daley College professor Dr. M. Vali Siadat has won the 2001 Excellence in College Teaching Award of the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Dr. Siadat is a long time member of the department and department chairman. The award recognizes his leadership and his influence on others in the field of mathematics.

The Illinois Council of Teachers of English is a statewide organization founded in 1949, serving mathematics teachers at all levels, including elementary, middle school, high school, and college. The purpose of the organization is to encourage an active interest in all areas of mathematics and mathematics education, to afford a medium of interchange of views regarding the teaching of mathematics and related disciplines, and to further the study of problems relating to the teaching of mathematics and computer science, recognized in 1999 for the Keystone Method of Teaching Mathematics, which he developed with UIC Professor Yoram

Dr. Siadat was nationally Sagher and pioneered at Daley College. The Keystone method, which uses a combination of psychology, technology, and responsive/adaptive teaching, has dramatically improved student retention and success in introductory and college algebra classes. Passing rates more than doubled for students taught with the Keystone method. Longer term studies suggest that these students also improve their ability to concentrate. Students taking Keystone classes show a 12% increase in reading comprehension scores.

The Keystone Method won the 1999 Exemplary Initiatives Award from the National Council of Instructional Administrators. The award is the top honor conferred by the National Council of Instructional Administrators for innovation in classroom instruction. Dr. Siadat will be honored for his achievements at the annual meeting of the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics in October.

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## Office of Citizens' Services

### One Day Trips

One day trips planned by Office Of Citizens' Services, 3450 West 97th Street, Evergreen Park:

**Shipshewana, Ind.** - Wednesday, July 18. Departure time is 7:45 am from Community Center and return at approximately 6:45 pm. Tickets are \$52 (includes round trip motorcoach transportation) visit the flea market, Amish style luncheon, and more.

**Wisconsin State Fair** - Thursday, August 2. Departure time is at 8:45 am from Community Center and return at approximately 10:30 pm. Tickets are \$27 (purchase by July 23), consider sharing this trip with your school age grandchildren.

**Mamma Mia** - Tuesday, August 7. Departure at 6:00 pm from Community Center and return at approximately 11:00 pm. Tickets are \$80 (main floor - center seats). Tickets are available now.

### East Peoria Festival of Lights

Offers overnight trip - Tuesday, December 11. (Double \$169, Triple \$159, Single \$199).

In addition to spectacular Festival of Lights and Par-A-Dice Riverboat Casino, Zellmer's Dinner Theatre and Fairview Farms Dinner are also included, as well as visit to the Greenview Nurseries.

For further information 422-8776.

### Travel Log Plan Presentation of Trips

Trip presentations at Community Center:

July 17 (10:00 am) Presentation of Fall Las Vegas Trip Deposits (\$100) accepted on this date; final payment due: August 30.

July 24 (10:00 am) Presentation of 2002 Cruise (Caribbean ports; St. Maarten, St. Lucia, Barbados, St. Kitts and St. Thomas).

## St. Mary Star of the Sea On Track Singles

The St. Mary Star of the Sea On Track Singles group will have a dinner and cosmic bowling night on Saturday, July 14, 2001. A carpool will leave St. Mary's south parking lot (65th Kenneth) at 4:00 pm. Dinner will be at Mindy's, 191st Street and Rt. 45, Mokena. After dinner, we will bowl at Thunder Bowl, 18700 S. Old LaGrange Road, Mokena. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, July 11, 2001. Contact Lucy (773) 778-8239, after 7:00 pm.

On Track Singles is open to all single men and women age 21 and over who have never been married, are widowed, or are divorced. For more information about the group, or to receive a free copy of the newsletter, contact Lucy (773) 778-8239 after 7:00 pm, or John (773) 585-8242.

## Court decision in favor of Microsoft has hurt economy

Kenneth Brown, President of the Alexis de Tocqueville Institution a non-partisan public policy institution in Arlington, Virginia, issued the following statement today in support of the U.S. Court Appeals' decision in the antitrust suit against Microsoft.

"This is a boost not just to innovation, but to our economy. The case has adversely affected investor confidence since the day it was announced - U.S. vs. Microsoft has clearly hurt the entire technology sector. Dozens of studies have highlighted the deleterious effects of this specious case on the market.

It is time for the Justice Department and the Administration to speedily end an activity which has been a needless drag on our economy. Leadership should take the opportunity to show America that it is committed to restoring faith in our economy and heading off any threat of recession... They can do that, by doing everything possible to end the Microsoft case."

## Oak Lawn Library

### Library offers CRIS Radio Receiver

Visually impaired and physically disabled patrons can now take advantage of a CRIS (Chicagoland Radio Information Service) radio receiver in the Periodicals Unit of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street.

CRIS broadcasts readings of books, popular news, magazines and several local newspapers, including the Daily Southtown, The Star, the Chicago Tribune and the Sun Times. A monthly program guide can be viewed at the Periodicals Desk. The CRIS radio is available for in-library use with headphones. A one hour time limit will apply. Patrons may also pick up an application to get a free CRIS radio receiver for their home. For additional information, call 422-4990.

The Friends of Oak Lawn Library will host a day trip "From the Windy City to the Emerald City" Wednesday, August 8. As in-person registration will be held Saturday, July 7 at 9-11 am at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street.

Visit the Field Museum to see the "Playing with Fire" exhibit by award winning director Julie Taymor. Then, take a Shoreline Water Taxi across Lake Michigan to enjoy a boxed lunch at Carnelli's Deli on Navy Pier. Finish off the day with a matinee performance of "The Wizard of Oz" at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater. The bus will depart at 9:00 am and return approximately 4:30 pm.

### Library Board Meeting Date Change

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees has changed their next monthly meeting date to Tuesday, July 24 at 7:30 pm, which is one week later than usual.

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees regularly meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. Meetings are open to the public in the library's Oak Lawn Rotary Room, lower level.

Library board members: Joann Buschbach, president; Shirley Barrett, vice president; Robert Honkisz, secretary; Marian Sullivan, treasurer; Lois Gasteyer, Frank March and Patricia Roberts, trustees.

The cost of this all inclusive trip is \$48 for Friends members and \$50 for others. After July 7, you may call the library for information on how you can purchase tickets, 708-422-4990.

## Blood Drive

The next Alsip Community Blood Drive will be held on July 26, 2001 from 3 to 7 pm at the Alsip Village Hall, 4500 West 123rd Street. The blood drive is being held on a weekday and at the above times to accommodate the business people in Alsip before heading home.

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# Letter to the Editor

We are all unique individuals created in God's image. We have an intellect, a memory, a free will and soul. We nourish these qualities with information just as we input into a computer. Family, friends, and outside sources have a great influence on us. Attitudes developed long before our birth become part of us. As we mature, we can disseminate information and develop our own attitude. Hopefully, we choose a Christian point of view which is to love one another. It is not an easy task. How presumptuous we are when we think we are better. Some may have more knowledge, more money and prestige but we are still all God's creations.

We tend to be clannish. When people immigrated to this country they settled in a community of their own nationality. I am sure it made them feel secure in a foreign land. It should not have meant that my culture is the best and everyone else is an outsider. We should be proud of our heritage. It is part of our character.

It is sad that our black brothers and sisters had to suffer such indignities for so many years. It takes time to forgive and forget. Their anger is understandable. If we are to become a united society

we need to forge ahead to making this country truly a land of freedom. We are not free if we continue to harbor resentments. "Anyone who limits her vision to memories of yesterday is already dead." -- Lily Langtry.

There are many diverse cultures in our country. We do not understand their culture as they do not understand ours. Our approach to one another should be tolerant and patient. America to all who entered meant a better way of life. Only life in America is not easy. People interpret the American Dream in different ways. Some of the material things thought to be a part of the American Dream are highly unattainable to most of us.

"Sweat plus sacrifice equals success" -- Charles Finley. Vision and hard work built this country. Some people feel there are those who abuse programs set up to help the needy. It does not foster good will especially when there are many people working hard to survive. Everyone deserves fair and equal treatment. We must respect and love ourselves if we are alike to others. We need to feed our minds with positive things. Unfortunately, we live in a violent society. We can change it if we care enough to make an effort.

There is no excuse for rudeness yet we encounter it almost daily. We just do not seem to care about the feelings of others. It does not take much to offend us and some people seek deadly revenge. Violence is used to attract attention and that it does. Self discipline plays an important role in our lives. We are not born with it. We must develop it daily.

Pope John Paul II is an inspiration to all of us. In great humility he traveled to foreign lands to apologize for the wrongs committed. If only we could set aside our pride and act so generously towards our fellow man.

We are human. Perfection is not one of our attributes. We have our frailties. It is hard to like everyone but we can at least be polite.

Life will go on no matter how we choose to use our intellect and our free will. We were born because of God's love for us. We are here for a purpose. It is important for us to fulfill our destiny. Quite simply, I believe it is to love one another.

Thank you  
Marlene Jeziorski  
Oak Lawn

The night before the Southside Catholic Conference overturned its previous decision and voted unanimously to admit St. Sabina into the athletic league, the worst fear of parents unfairly branded as racists was confirmed as gunshots nine blocks away from St. Sabina killed a 16 year old, a bullet wound in the left side of his head, and an AK-47 rifle in his hand. His death brings to six number of killings since March within the one mile radius surrounding the parish and the school.

Reverend Michael Pfleger, full time publicity hound and sometimes priest, has looked into the hearts of people concerned about the safety of their children, and themselves, and decided that parental love and just plain common sense is really racism, and that people who spend their free time watching Oprah, rooting for Sammy Sosa, and listening to Whitney Houston are really racists.

The irony here is that while Rev. Pfleger accuses parents concerned about safety of racism, his own foster son was killed by stray gang gunfire in the neighborhood. Their fears are not unfounded. But instead of con-



Pictured left to right: LeRoy Corradino, Chairman Emeritus; William Snow, Chairman; Maury Barger, Jim Weise, Park Lawn Executive Director; Lisa Gay, Rodger Kadet and Michael Walsh.

## Dear Editor

Michael Rizzitiello is an Honor Student graduating from Fry School.

He has received many awards and excellency in his academic performance and leadership by his teacher, and received congratulations from President Bush for his outstanding achievement.

He is the son of James and Kathy Rizzitiello and is looking forward to attending Reavis High School in the Fall.

Thank you  
Julia Palombo

demning the thugs that make inner city neighborhoods unsafe, driving away both businesses and new residents, creating poverty and despair, he condemns the loving parents who dare point out reality.

That reality is that according to the Chicago Police Department in 1999 in the district in which St. Sabina sits there were 30 murders, 1,877 assaults and 1,208 robberies. In Evergreen Park, where several of the conference schools come from, there was just one murder, seven assaults and 23 robberies. Today's children are born into a world where sexual predators stalk them on the Internet and on the streets, where they must pass through metal detectors at school, where guns, drugs and condoms have replaced reading, writing and arithmetic. Columbine has become a household word for parents who cautiously and prayerfully see their children off to school each day.

These aren't racists. These are parents with children in an increasingly dangerous world.

Sincerely  
Daniel John Sobieski  
Chicago, IL

## Annual Park Lawn Invitational Golf Tournament

Committee members of The Park Lawn Invitational Golf Tournament make final plans for the annual tournament. The Day In The Sun Tournament will be at Ravisloe Country Club on July 16, 2001. The day is complete with a delicious barbecue lunch; challenging golf on the links of Ravisloe and an outstanding dinner in the evening. For more information, call the Park Lawn Development Office at 708-422-6867.

The Park Lawn Invitational Golf Tournament is an annual charity event that benefits the children and adults enrolled in Park Lawn's programs. Park Lawn is a non-profit agency providing opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities since 1955. Programs and services include a school, vocational workshop, residential living and community employment. Recreational, counseling and health services are also provided. All proceeds generated through A Day In The Sun Golf Tournament will benefit every individual enrolled in Park Lawn programs.

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## Eat at least two servings of fatty fish per week according to American Heart Association

The American Heart Association's recently revised dietary guidelines for the first time recommend consumption of two servings per week of fatty fish. Popular examples of fish high in beneficial fats are Alaska salmon and tuna.

Issued in October 2000, the American Heart Association

### Garlic and Parmesan Potatoes

#### Materials/Ingredients:

1 sheet (18x24 inches) Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil  
4 medium red potatoes, cut in bite size pieces  
2 tablespoons olive oil or vegetable oil  
4 cloves garlic, finely chopped  
1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary  
Salt and pepper  
1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 450°F or grill to medium high. Spray foil with nonstick spray.

Center potatoes evenly on sheet of Reynolds foil. Drizzle with oil. Sprinkle with garlic, rosemary, salt and pepper.

Bring up foil sides. Double fold top and ends to seal making one large foil packet, leaving room for heat circulation inside.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes on cookie sheet in oven, or grill 15 to 20 minutes in covered grill. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese before serving.

### Lemon Pepper Chicken & Vegetables

#### Materials/Ingredients:

1 Reynolds foil bag, large size

2 medium zucchini, cut in 3 inch strips

2 medium yellow squash, cut in 3 inch strips

1 medium green bell pepper, cut in thin strips

1/2 cup lemon pepper marinade

1 tablespoon flour

6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (1 1/2 to 2 pounds)

2 to 3 teaspoons lemon pepper

Salt

1 jar (7 oz.) roasted red peppers, chopped.

#### Directions:

Preheat grill to medium high, or oven to 450°F.

Open foil bag, arrange zucchini, yellow squash and green pepper in foil bag in an even layer. Combine lemon pepper marinade and flour; pour over vegetables. Sprinkle chicken breasts with lemon pepper and salt; place in foil bag on top of vegetables. Top with roasted red peppers.

To seal, double fold open end of foil bag. Place foil bag in a 1 inch deep pan.

To cook, slide foil bag onto grill or leave foil bag in supporting pan and place in oven. Grill 15 to 20 minutes in covered grill; or bake 35 to 40 minutes in supporting pan in oven. Use oven mitts

Nettleton, nutritionist for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Association (ASMI). The AHA's updated guidance results from a better understanding of how the body handles different fatty acids from foods.

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1 medium red bell pepper, cut in strips

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger

2 tablespoons dark sesame oil

Soy sauce

#### Directions:

Preheat grill to medium high or oven to 450°F. Place bag in a 1 inch deep pan.

Arrange shrimp, broccoli and red pepper in bag in an even layer, sprinkle with garlic and ginger. Drizzle oil over ingredients in bag.

To seal, double fold open end of bag. To cook, slide bag onto grill or leave bag in supporting pan and place in oven. Grill 15 to 20 minutes in covered grill; or bake 25 to 30 minutes in oven.

Use oven mitts and a knife to cut bag open. Fold back top for steam to escape. Sprinkle with soy sauce before serving.

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## Beverly Art Center presents Beverly World Arts Festival

The Beverly Art Center (BAC) presents the 5th Annual Beverly World Arts Festival on Saturday, July 14 (noon-8:00 pm) and Sunday, July 15 (noon-7:00 pm). The event takes place on the grounds of Morgan Park Academy, directly behind the art center at 2153 W. 111th Street, Chicago.

The free, outdoor festival features music and dance from around the world, arts and crafts, ethnic foods and drinks, and children's activity area. Performance schedule is as follows:

**Saturday, July 14** - Alyo Children's Dance Theatre of Chicago (African dance and drumming) at 2:00 pm; Moravian Cultural Society (Czech folk dance), 3:00 pm; World Folk Music (Celtic and American folk music), 4:00 pm; Sones de Mexico, 5:00 pm; Baaro Reggae, 6-8:00 pm.

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For more information visit the ASMI website at [www.alaskaseafood.org](http://www.alaskaseafood.org).

**Sunday, July 15** - Dennehy Irish Dance at 1:30 pm; La Bamba! Latin American Musical Journey, 2:00 pm; West Indian Folk Dance, 3:00 pm; Salaam Middle Eastern Music Ensemble, 4:00 pm; Maiko Japanese Taiko Drummers, 5:00 pm; Zydeco Bon Ton (Cajun and zydeco music), 6:00 pm.

An International Bazaar of artists and crafters will sell artwork and handmade gift items including jewelry, textiles, clothing, dolls, fine art objects, drawings and paintings. Popular restaurateurs with food booths at the fest include Chi Tung, Chinese/Thai/Japanese, Taco Joe, and Nathan's Taste of Jamaica.

Admission to the Beverly World Arts Festival is free thanks to the generosity of Evergreen Plaza Associates, the Mayor's Office of Special Events, Morgan Park Academy, Beverly Review and other local sponsors. For more information about all festival events, call the Beverly Arts Center at 773-445-3838.

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## National Association of Retired Federal Employees

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1106, will hold their next meeting on July 18, 2001 at 10:00 am in the Oak Lawn Municipal Building located at 9446 Raymond Ave. (5300 West).

This non profit organization consists of retired federal employees, their spouses, survivors and current active employees who live in Southwest Chicago and the Southwest suburbs. NARFE gives expert advice and service with the many questions retirement and pre-retirement brings.

If you are interested in joining or need more information, please join us at this meeting or call (708) 458-4990 or email to [jaltar\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:jaltar_2000@yahoo.com).

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The Chicago Kiwi Club is a national organization made up of past and present Ameri-

can Airline flight attendants. The KIWI Karamba Fashion Show is an annual charity event benefiting Park Lawn School and Activity Center.

Park Lawn is a non profit agency providing opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities since 1955. Programs and services include a school, vocational workshop, residential living and community employment. Recreational, counseling and health services are also provided. All proceeds generated through Kiwi Karamba Fashion Show will benefit individu-

## McNamara to address A.A.R.P.# 3558

John J. McNamara, Director, Satellite Operations, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before the A.A.R.P. #3558, Monday, July 9, at 1:30 pm in the Johnson Phelps V.F.W. Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Avenue, Oak Lawn.

Lois Harris, coordinator, announced that McNamara will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office.

Mr. McNamara's duties include directing all operations at six courthouses countywide and maintain

historical archives at County Warehouse in Chicago. He has been a dedicated leader in the community for many years.

## Basketball Camp

Brother Rice High School, 10001 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, will host a basketball camp for boys in grades 5-8, and incoming Br. Rice freshmen in two one-week sessions, July 9-13 and July 16-20.

For more information, call Pat Richardson at 773-779-3410.

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"Helping people enjoy and appreciate trees is central to the educational mission of the Arbor Day Foundation," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "Being able to identify trees is important to

knowing how to care for them and how to plant the right tree in the right place."

To obtain your tree ID guide, send your name and address and \$3 to "What Tree is That?" The National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410.

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## University Club Foundation Awards Scholarships

Following its Annual Meeting held on Friday, June 15th, the Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation awarded scholarships to fourteen local students. The scholarships awarded by the club this year totaled \$22,100.

The Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation annually awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors who live in the Ridge District. Over its seventy seven year history, the club has awarded nearly \$500,000 in scholarships.

The BHUCSF raises funds for the scholarships by producing a musical in the spring of each year. Following the scholarship awards, the 2001-2002 production team of Jennifer Manz, Randy Jongsma, Bob and Cindy St. Aubin, and Bob and Christine Graham announced that the spring 2002 show would be "Pirates of Pinzance."

## New Publication explores quality of life in Chicago

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau today released a new publication designed to showcase the multi-faceted aspects of the Chicago Southland's visitor, residential and business amenities. The new, 48 page publication, entitled "Chicago Southland - Now More Than Ever: A Quality of Life Guide." -- presents the Southland as an ideal place to live, work, play, visit or do business.

Targeted to out of town attraction and corporate developers, corporations, investors and small business persons. The publication also discusses the Southland's excellent recreational opportunities, transportation infrastructure, workforce, educational and healthcare institutions.

For a sample media copy of "Chicago Southland -- Now More Than Ever: A Quality of Life Guide," contact Bob Lukens at the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau, 708-895-8200.

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4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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4:00 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.

PARTY SOUNDS KARAOKE  
5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

GYRO-TRON  
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

DURBINS REFRESHMENTS  
4:00 p.m.

PARTY SOUNDS DISK JOCKEY  
4:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

BAKER'S SQUARE PIE EATING CONTEST  
6:00 p.m.

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4:30 p.m.

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# Theater News and Shows

## Beverly Theatre Guild

The Beverly Theatre Guild held its annual Installation Dinner/Dance at the Garden Chalet, 110th & Ridgeland, in Worth on June 8th, 2001. The event, a celebration of the just completed 38th season, featured an awards presentation, installation of the Guild's new Board of Directors, and discussion of an exciting 2001-2002 theatre season.

The awards were pre-

sented by President, Ed Fudasz of Oak Lawn. The Award for Best Performance during the 2000-2001 season, for his ensemble work in "Broadway Magic II," went to Steve Miller. Dan Murphy received the Distinguished Service Award for his work as a Board member, program book layout and website development, among many other achievements to his credit.

The Guild's President's award went to Cheryl Miller for her longstanding contributions to the Guild for over two decades. The 2001-2002 Board of Directors were installed: President Ed Fudacz, Vice President Julie Zbleckis, Treasurer Cheryl Miller, Recording Secretary Melissa McGuire, Corresponding Secretary Joe Collins, Publicity Director Tom Fagan, Social Director Kim Brines. Outgoing board members Marie Griffin, Mark Eaton and Dan Murphy

were recognized for their work throughout the season.

The 39th season will include three productions to be staged at the Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th Street, in Chicago. Opening the season will be the Stephen Sondheim musical, "Into The Woods."

This will be presented Nov. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11, 2001. "Death of a Salesman"

Presented February 1, 2, and 3, 2002. Rounding out the season, "Bleacher Bums"

April 26, 27, and 28, 2002. Season tickets are available, call 312-409-2705.

## Nosotros Golden Eagle Awards

The 2001 Nosotros 31st Golden Eagle Awards celebration will be held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills on Friday, July 27, 2001. This year we are also paying homage to four of our legends: Anthony Quinn, Tito Puente, Pedro Infante, and Selena Quintanilla.

The ceremony will be hosted by Mr. Ricardo Montalban and co-hosted by Mr. Tony Orlando. Margarita Cannon will produce the show and Miranda Garrison will direct the evening's en-

tertainment and award presentations.

The Golden Eagle Award was created to recognize artists whose careers exemplify dignity, dedication and professionalism. It's an event where come together to celebrate, applaud and uplift Latinos in the performing arts and we thank our friends who provide opportunity and employment in the entertainment industry. Nosotros Golden Eagle Awards past recipients and guest presenters have included such luminaries as Vikki Carr, the late Anthony Quinn, Herb Alpert, Martin Sheen, Burt Reynolds, Edward James Olmos, Charlton Heston, Rita Moreno, Bob Hope, Loni Anderson, Jimmy Smits, Salma Hayek, Cantinflas, Robert Beltran, Jennifer Lopez, Antonio Aguilar and many others.

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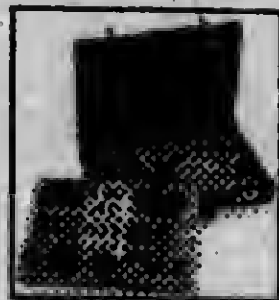
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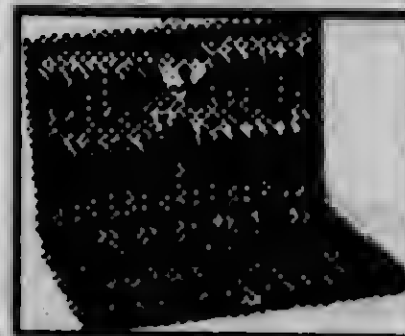
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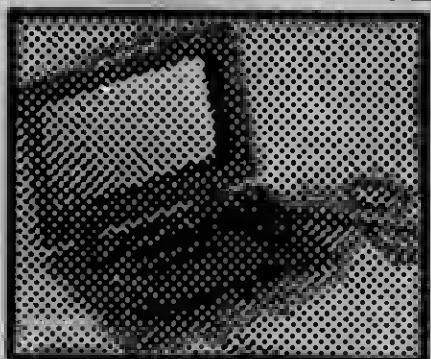
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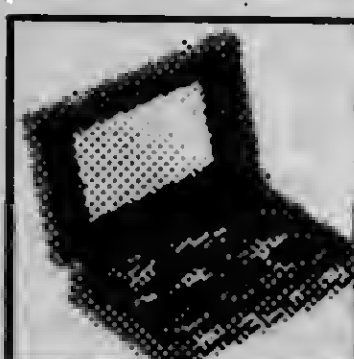
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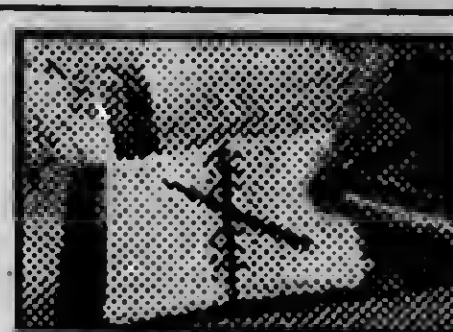
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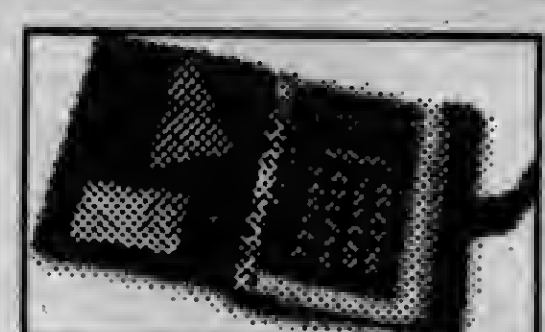
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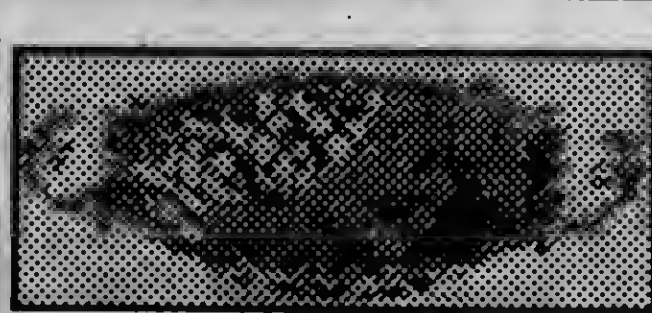
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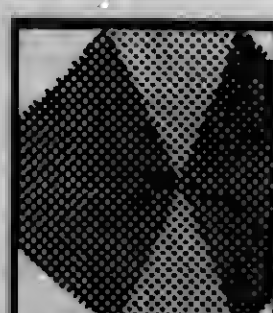
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instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Nadia Al-Ramahi, who attends Simmons Middle School, was nominated for this national award by Robert Gath.

Nadia Al-Ramahi will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's

history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

Nadia Al-Ramahi is the daughter of Mahmoud and Connie Al-Ramahi from Chicago Ridge. The grandparents are Jack and Alice Martin of Shreveport, LA and Shawgian and Suad Al-Ramahi of Amman, Jordan.

## Reavis announces Spring Sports Awards

On Wednesday, May 30th, Reavis High School held its 50th Annual Spring Sports Awards Night. Honored as the Varsity Most Valuable Players were:

**Badminton** - Crystal Ludington; **Baseball** - Mark Satkowski; **Girls' Soccer** - Elizabeth Moran; **Softball** - Lauren Villalobos; **Boys' Tennis** - Terrence Gamboa; **Boys' Track** - Mike Giera; **Girls' Track** - Katie King; **Boys' Volleyball** - Paul Johnson.

**Most Improved Awards** went to:

**Badminton** - Candace Neybert; **Baseball** - John Balestri; **Girls' Soccer** - Priscilla Diaz DeLeon; **Softball** - Andrea McElray; **Boys' Tennis** - Phung Van; **Boys' Track** - John Ficht; **Girls' Track** - Nicole Mase; **Boys' Volleyball** - Mark Galecki.

**Most Contributions were:**  
**Badminton** - Melissa Gawlik; **Baseball** - Kevin Petraitis; **Girls' Soccer** - Angie Antol; **Softball** - Krystin Rinkus; **Boys' Tennis** - Tony Puleo; **Boys' Track** - Steve Delagarza; **Girls' Track** - Michelle Sofakos; **Boys' Volleyball** - Jack Matson.

Sophomore athletes receiving the Most Valuable Player Awards were:

**Badminton** - Alexis Cameron; **Baseball** - Shawn Lucas; **Girls' Soccer** - Fatima Saheb; **Softball** - Katie Dalton;

**Boys' Tennis** - Brandon Ferrell; **Boys' Track** - Steve LaBay; **Girls' Track** - Ashley Schmidt; **Boys' Volleyball** - Ricky Lanham.

**Most Improved Sophomores were:**

**Badminton** - Aubrey Melendy; **Baseball** - Dan Bryja; **Girls' Soccer** - Linda Ebert; **Softball** - Shana Iuro; **Boys' Tennis** - Andy Hajduk and Yousef Zaatar; **Boys' Track** - Adam Dziadkowiec; **Girls' Track** - Kerry Wells; **Boys' Volleyball** - Bart Budz.

**Most Contributions were:**  
**Badminton** - Sabrina Lach; **Baseball** - Jim Smith and Mike Casey; **Girls' Soccer** - Ashley DeValck; **Softball** - Theresa Reifon; **Boys' Tennis** - Andy Hajduk and Yousef Zaatar; **Boys' Track** - Bill Balandis; **Girls' Track** - Hayf Aboukier and Karolina Ulinskas; **Boys' Volleyball** - Kevin Andryzak.

Also receiving awards were:  
**Baseball** - Offensive Player of the Year - Brett Flood; **Defensive Player of the Year** - Mike Shimkus; **Most Valuable Pitcher** - Mark Satkowski; **Mr. Hustle Award** - John Balestri; **State Nominee** - Mark Satkowski; **Volleyball** - Pride/Effort/Hustle - Ryan Gornik.

All Conference Honors, SICA North Champions: **Baseball** - Mark Satkowski, Bill

Gomolka, Kevin Petraitis, Ryan Flood, Brett Flood, Mike Shimkus, Dan Hoessler, and Tom Bromley (Honorable Mention); **Girls' Soccer** - Elizabeth Moran, Angie Antol, and Megan Maloney; **Softball** - Katie Enright, Andrea Mata, Andrea McElray, and Kelly Smith; **Boys' Volleyball** - Paul Johnson, Jack Matson, Mark Galecki and Ryan Gornik (Special Mention).

Other various awards are as follows: **Sectional Honors** - **Girls' Soccer** - Elizabeth Moran and Angie Antol (Honorable Mention); **State Honors** - **Baseball** - Mark Satkowski (All-State Nominee); **Athletes of the Year** - Dan Hoessler and Lauren Villalobos; **Coaches of the Year** - Terry Browne, Golf/Basketball; and Greg Paul, Basketball/Softball. **2000-2001 Hessenberger Award** - Jeff Kreil and Barb Sopiarz.

**Sportsmanship Award** - **Badminton** - Anna Buczynski; **Baseball** - Justin Trovato; **Girls' Soccer** - Gina Hopkins; **Softball** - Natalie Breheny; **Boys' Tennis** - Mohammad Haswahi; **Boys' Track** - Joe Burns; **Girls' Track** - Katie McGuire; **Boys' Volleyball** - Joe Matthews.

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### Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Holy Cross Lutheran Church announces Free Vacation Bible School that will be held July 16th through July 20th, 2001 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Each evening will consist of Bible Stories, crafts, songs and refreshments.

Holy Cross will help supervise the volunteers for the Kids Fest sponsored by Coca Cola at the Alsip Summerfest. The Kids Fest will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2001 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. We invite all children to visit the Kids Craft Corner at the Alsip Summerfest, June 22, 23, and 24, 2001 at 119th Place and Kostner Avenue.

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Joining host Barry Bostwick for the festivities are double-platinum R&B recording artist Luther Vandross; The Irish Tenors, whose rousing renditions of popular Irish music have captivated audiences around the world; Grammy award-winning group The Pointer Sisters; and other special guests performing with the National Symphony Orchestra led by renowned pops conductor Erich Kunzel. More than half a million people are expected to attend the concert on site.

*A Capitol Fourth* will be seen by millions of television viewers nationwide. The concert, which is broadcast from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol building, can be heard live in stereo over National Public Radio and also airs worldwide via the American Forces Radio and Television Network.

For more information, visit



**A BLAST—A dazzling display of fireworks and music will be televised when "A Capitol Fourth" is aired on PBS, July 4, at 8 pm.**

the program's companion Web site at [www.pbs.org/capitolfourth](http://www.pbs.org/capitolfourth).

The televised evening is made possible by grants from Lockheed Martin, the National Park Service, Ernst & Young, United States Army, the National Endowment for the Arts, Public Television Viewers, PBS and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Air travel is made possible by American Airlines.

The concert's executive producer is Jerry Colbert. Walter Miller is senior producer, Paul Miller is director and Michael Colbert is producer.

*A Capitol Fourth 2001* is co-produced by Jerry Colbert and Capital Concerts, Inc. and WETA/Washington, D.C.

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## McAuley students receive President's Excellence Award

The President of the United States, George W. Bush, awarded 132 Mother McAuley seniors the Award for Educational Excellence. This award has been established to recognized outstanding effort and achievement in the classroom. Students must have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale to qualify for this award. Each recipient received a certificate signed by the President and the United States Secretary of Education. The following students received this prestigious award: Kathryn Adamson, Rachel Ahern, Marylou Alvarez, Jessica Bara, Rosalinda Barragan, Kathleen Barry, Anna Barton, Faye Bell, Amanda Bentley, Kimberly Boike, Rebecca Bosack, Kathleen Boyce, Heather Bukowy, Priscilla Camacho, Lorelei Cardella, Lisa Cardilli, Jamie Carmody, Sarah Chavka, Renata Chilpala, Kristyn Corley, Sarah Czajka, Emily Douville, Meaghan Doyle,

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5:00 Sones de Mexico  
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# WILLOW SPRINGS SUMMER FEST 2001



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## Friday, July 6th

6:00 p.m.

Windy City Carnival-(Free Glow Necklace to the first 100 kids)

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DJ- Teen (Tent-teens only)

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## Saturday, July 7th

10:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

12:00 (Noon)

Parade (8900 to 8390 Archer Ave.)

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The RELICS 50's, 60's & 70's-(Mainstage)

Circus Boy

Battle of the Bands (Teen Tent-teens only) \$5 00\*

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## Sunday July 8th

12:00 (Noon)

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**SATURDAY, July 14**

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**SUNDAY July 15th**

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July 19th: Moe

Friday, 7:30-8:30 - Cirrus Falcon  
July 20th: 9:00-Closing- Cirrus Falcon

Saturday, 9:00-Closing- Causa Perdida  
July 21st:

Sunday, 4:00-5:00 - Folk Music by  
July 22nd: Steve Marion  
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## Social Security's Consumer Price Index Fix

Almost all individuals who receive Social Security, Supplemental Security Income and/or Title VIII Special Veterans benefits will receive a one time payment to compensate for a consumer price index error made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The error affected calculations for the cost of living adjustment for the year 2000, and beneficiaries received a 2.4% increase instead of 2.5%. The payment should arrive by the end of July.

For most of the 45 million Social Security and six million SSI beneficiaries, the amount of the payment will be between \$12 and \$19, covering benefits paid from January 2000 through July 2001. The shortfall for the majority of beneficiaries was \$1 per month.

Regular monthly benefits, if affected, will be adjusted

beginning with the payment received in August 2001.

Beneficiaries will receive a written explanation of their one time payment and an explanation about their adjusted monthly benefit by the end of July 2001. Beneficiaries do not need to take any action to receive their adjusted benefits.

## Laski's Senior Medical ID Program scheduled

The Senior Citizen ID Program, created by City Clerk James Laski and cosponsored by Mayor Richard M. Daley, will provide identification cards for Chicago seniors at the Southwest Senior Service Center located at 6012 S. Archer on Thursday, July 26, 2001 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

The program is free to all Chicago residents 60 and over who want to have their medical information and vital statistics readily available in the event of an emergency where they might become incoherent or experi-

ence confusion. The front of the identification card includes the following information: primary care physician name and number, medical conditions, blood pressure status, medical allergies and insurance information.

In order to participate in the program, seniors must bring a form of identification to verify their identity. Seniors will then have their photos taken and personnel from the Clerk's office will merge the photo with the descriptive information and contact information to generate the cards. The seniors will receive the identification cards in the mail in two to three weeks.

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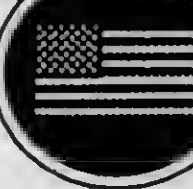
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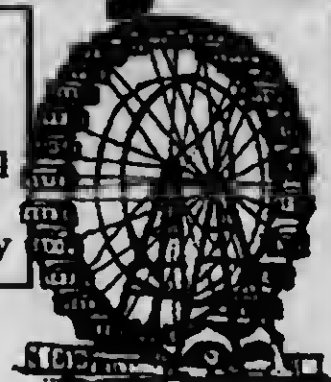
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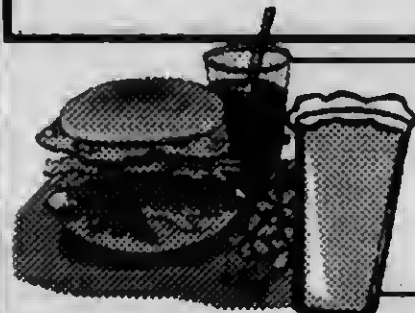
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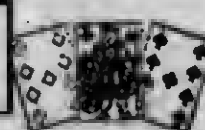


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# School News



## Moraine Valley Community College

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### Community Art Exhibit

Moraine Valley Community College's Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery will present "Gallery 2001," its fifth annual juried exhibit of works by local artists, through August 3. The exhibit will include a variety of two and three dimensional fine art media, including watercolor, oils, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, and mixed media.

The following awards were present at an artist's reception on Friday, June 15:

**Best of Show** -- Denise Tallon Havilan, Palos Hills

**First Place** -- Pat Mikrut, Palos Park

**Second Place** -- Joseph W. Casserly, Chicago

**Third Place** -- Karen Cunningham, Palos Park

**Honorable Mentions** -- Cindy Gard, Hanover Park; William Hafer, Frankfort; Virginia Jachna, Oak Lawn; Flynn Sochon, Chicago Heights; Kimberly Wallace, Tinley Park.

The Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery is located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center on the Campus. Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. For more information call the Moraine Valley Box Office at 708-974-5500.

### Season Ticket Packages

Moraine's Fine and Performing Arts Center is offering ticket packages for the 2001-2002 season.

**The Swing Series** will include a performance by the Glenn Miller Orchestra on Saturday, September 22, at 7:00 pm; Ron Hawking's *His Way*, a one-man theatrical tribute to Frank Sinatra, on Sunday, Jan. 20, at 3:00 pm; and *Radio Days* by Five by Design, a musical retrospective of the Golden Age of Radio, on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 7:00 pm. The package is \$69 per person if purchased before Aug. 1, a 10% savings.

**The Theater Series** includes Homer's *The Wrath of Achilles* performed by the Aquila Theatre Company on Friday, April 19, at 8:00 pm; *Alice in Wonderland* performed by the Northern Illinois University Summer Nights Friday, Oct. 5 through Sunday, Oct. 7; Ron Hawking's *His Way*; and *Radio Days* by Five by Design. The package is \$74 per person if purchased before Aug. 1, a 20% savings.

Ticket packages, as well as individual performance tickets, are on sale now. For more information about performances, or to order tickets call 974-5500.

### Chorale to present patriotic summer concert

Join the Moraine Valley Chorale as they present a concert of patriotic music on Friday, July 27, at 7:30 pm. The performance will take place in the Dorothy Menker Theater located on campus.

The concert will feature the 45-voice Moraine Valley Chorale singing patriotic selections including Irving Berlin's *God Bless America* and *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*. The group is under the direction of Nicholas Thomas, the college's music coordinator.

Seating is general admission and tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students. For tickets, visit the Moraine Valley Box Office or call 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 per order handling fee.

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### Summer Camp Concerts

Moraine, which offers several fun and educational summer arts camps for kids, will present three camp concerts in June and July. All performances are free and will take place in the college's Fine and Performing Arts Center, located on campus.

The college's High School Theater Camp, for students entering grades 9 through 12, will perform Australian creation myth on Thursday, June 28, at 7:00 pm in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater.

Moraine Valley's Junior High School Theater Camp, for students entering grades 6 through 8, will perform a final showcase on Thursday, July 12, at 7:00 pm in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater.

The College's Band Camp, for students entering grades 6 through 9, will perform a final concert on Friday, July 20, at 7:30 pm in the Dorothy Menker Theater.

For more information, call 974-5500.

### Free advice and counseling

Small business owners and those interested in starting a business are invited to schedule one hour sessions with successful business people at the Moraine Small Business Development Center.

The advice comes from volunteers in the Service Corps of Retired Executives who are willing to share their knowledge on starting a home based business, writing a business plan, marketing strategies, and a variety of other topics. Also discussed are problem solving strategies, business expansions and goal setting.

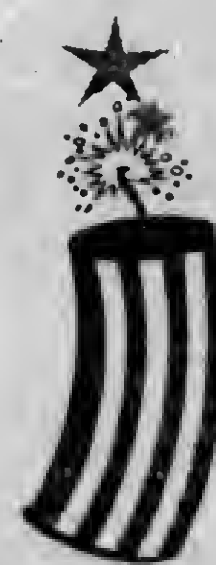
Counseling sessions are free of charge and take place on campus. For information or appointments call 974-5468. Also available to the business community are a wide range of noncredit courses.

### Other programs offered

**Special Topics in Child Development** is a one hour credit course in Child Care that meets Tuesdays, 5-9 pm, for four weeks, beginning July 10. The topic for the summer session is Gardening with Children. The course is designed for teachers and parents. Students will visit a children's garden and plan a garden as well.

**Personal Computer Basics** is a one hour credit course designed for students with little or no previous computer experience. The course covers computer terminology and basic navigation skills in the Windows environment. Two sessions are offered: Mondays and Wednesdays, 9-10:50 am, beginning July 9; or Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7:50 pm, beginning July 10.

**First Aid** is a three credit hour class that meets Monday through Thursday, 9-11:40 am for four weeks, beginning July 9. Students will learn how to react in case of accident or other emergency. Upon successful completion students will receive CPR and First Aid certification.



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**Class of 1966**  
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For more information, 708-458-7600, Ext. 250





# Schools announce Art and Sports Awards

## Art Awards abound at McAuley

Eighteen students at Mother McAuley High School have been awarded Best of Category at McAuley's Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition held May 13, 2001. Their art represented the best student works for the 2000-01 school year in specific categories encompassing a wide variety of media and subject matter. This year's Best of Show was awarded to junior Liz Cook for her pencil drawing, "Get Up Kid."

In the Art History (two dimensional) category, junior Beth Zeszutko won best of category and seniors Katie Cusack and Jennifer Mejia received honorable mentions. In the Art History (three dimensional) category, senior Julie Siegel won best of category. Junior Jeanne Murphy and senior Katie Freyer won honorable mentions.

In the Beyond Geometry category, senior Chrissy Harder received best of category. Seniors Paula Claffy and Lisa Bondi were awarded honorable mentions.

In the Ceramics category, junior Angela Dunlop won best of category. Sophomore Angela

Battaglia and junior Mary O'Heir won honorable mentions.

In the Computer Imaging category, senior Alexis Oddson won best of category. Junior Jamie Sanchez and senior Jessica Pedersen won honorable mentions.

In the Graphic Design category, senior Margaret Nayder won best of category. Junior Jamie Sanchez and senior Jayne Lunz received honorable mentions.

In the Ink Drawing category, sophomore Angela Wisniewski won best of category. Junior Alexandra Komorowski and sophomore Kathy O'Brien received honorable mentions.

In the Mixed Media category, senior Emily Mitsdarffer won best of category. Seniors Stephanie Pifko and Jean Higgins received honorable mentions.

In the Oil/Acrylic Painting category, senior Marjorie Schumann won best of category. Senior Alexis Oddson and junior Alison Morrin received honorable mentions.

In the Pastel category, senior

Jennifer Tarka won best of category. Sophomores Katie White and Angela Wisniewski received honorable mentions.

In the Pencil Drawing (black and white), junior Samantha Dietel won best of category. Senior Maggie Clement and sophomore Katie White won honorable mentions.

In the Pencil Drawing (color), sophomore Katie White won best of category. Junior Samantha Dietel and senior Julie Simulis received honorable mentions.

In the Photography (standard) category, senior Maureen Hart won best of category. Seniors Lisa Bondi and Karen Farrell received honorable mentions.

In the Photography (manipulated) category, senior Jennifer Lunz received best of category. Seniors Lindsey Korda and Stephanie Tisza won honorable mentions.

In the Printmaking category, senior Lauren Schwab was awarded best of category. Seniors Jean Higgins and Allison Dunajski won honorable mentions.

In the Scientific Illustration category, first year student Jessa Ley Juarez won best of category. First year students Marian

Blancada and Jackie Rocha received honorable mentions.

In the Sculpture category, senior Martha Fitt was awarded

best of category. Seniors Veronica Owens and Jenna Zydron received honorable mentions.

## Learn to start up or expand a business at Moraine Valley this summer

Whether yours is a new business or an established business, the Small Business Development Center offers short term classes this summer that can benefit.

\*Home-Based Business will cover the operating procedures of a small business and assist in cultivating ideas. The class meets on Mondays for three weeks, 7-9:30 pm, beginning July 9. The fee is \$60.

\*Essential Tax Information covers maintaining and filing state and federal forms and an explaining deductible expenses. The two day class meets Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 - 8:45 pm, beginning July 10. The fee is \$75.

\*Taxation of Sole Proprietorship covers the formation of a partnership and preparation of partnership income tax returns. The class

meets Wednesday, July 18, 6:30 - 8:45 pm. The fee is \$40.

\*Taxation of "S" and "C" Corporations covers tax issues relevant to these business classifications. The class meets Tuesday, July 24, 6:30 - 8:45 pm. The fee is \$40.

\*Marketing on a Shoestring focuses on the fundamentals of small business marketing. The class meets Wednesday, August 1, 9:30 - 11:30 am. The fee is \$40.

\*Understanding Financial Statements covers income statement, cash flow statement, and balance sheet procedures. The class meets Thursday, August 2, 6:30 - 8:45 pm. The fee is \$40.

For more information about these classes or about the Small Business Development Center, phone 708-974-5468.

## Military News

Army Private Maxwell W. LaBlais has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, GA. He is the son of Marilyn LaBlais of Oak Lawn. LaBlais is a 1999 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

Army Private Christopher P. Amato has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, GA. He is the son of Glenda S. and Russell Lareviere of Oak Lawn. Amato is a 1998 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

Army Private Ryan A. Nagy has graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma. Nagy is the son of Nora Nagy of Evergreen Park. He is a 1999 graduate of Evergreen Park Community High School.



# BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT

## Festival In the Park

### July 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th



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**Arts & Crafts Fair • Entertainment**  
**Beer Garden**

**Children's & Family Entertainment**

<p><b>July 14th</b></p> <p>2:00-4:00 Caricature Artist 2:30-4:30 Juggler 3:00-4:00 Friends Inc. Puppet Show 4:00-6:00 AJ Weir "The Master Balloonist" 4:30-6:30 Stiltwalker 5:30-5:45 Magician</p>	<p><b>July 15th</b></p> <p>2:00-4:00 Juggler 2:00-5:00 Caricature Artist 4:30-6:00 AJ Weir "The Master Balloonist" 5:00-5:45 Wheel of Wisdom</p>
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### Beer Garden Entertainment

<p><b>July 12th</b></p> <p>7:00-8:30 - Now &amp; Then 9:00-10:30 - Rico</p> <p><b>July 13th</b></p> <p>6:00-7:30 - Rattle Box 8:00-9:30 - Soda Jerks 10:00-11:30 - Blooze Brothers</p> <p><b>July 14th</b></p> <p>6:00-7:30 - Contradikshun 8:00-9:30 - The Mauds 10:00-11:30 - Afrodisiacs</p> <p><b>July 15th</b></p> <p>5:00-6:30 - The Kedvales 7:00-8:30 - Nick Willett 9:00-10:30 - Tom Carey Band</p>
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## St. Rita awards Mustangs of the Month

Each month of the school year, at St. Rita of Cascia High School bestows a Mustang of the Month Award to notable students who make a positive impact in the school. Teachers nominate these students based on a student's overall involvement in the classroom and in extracurricular activities. The award winners are then selected from those nominated by an Award Committee.

The Mustangs of the Month are: Freshman Jeff Medina (Hickory Hills), Sophomores Bob Stalley and Jim Stalley (brothers from Evergreen Park), Junior John Taylor (Chicago-Ashburn), and Seniors Pete Ferreri (Burbank), Jake Vaci, Evan Bradley (Chicago-Beverly), and Scott Smolek (Palos Park).

Jeff Medina is a member of St. Patricia Parish and is a graduate of Wilkins Jr. High. He earned Gold Honors status his freshman year and was a member of the football team, track team, and Scholastic Bowl Team.

Bob Stalley is a member of Most Holy Redeemer Parish and is a graduate of Central Jr. High School. He earned Gold Honors status the entire year and was a member of the football team.

Jim Stalley, brother of Bob

Stalley was also a member of Most Holy Redeemer Parish and a graduate of Central Jr. High. Like his twin brother, Jim also earned Gold Honors status the entire year and was a member of the football team.

John Taylor is a member of St. Thomas Moore Parish and a graduate of St. Thomas Moore School. He earned Silver Honors status his junior year and was a member of the St. Rita symphonic, marching, and jazz bands.

Jake Vaci is a member of Most Holy Redeemer Parish and is a graduate of St. Nicholas of Tolentine School. This year Jake was senior class president and led the student body in many extracurricular activities, including a Thanksgiving food drive and blood drive. He was also on the sectional champion wrestling team. Jake will attend Loras College in the fall.

Pete Ferreri is a member of St. Albert the Great Parish and is a graduate of St. Albert School. He earned Gold Honors status his senior year and was a member of St. Rita's symphonic, marching and jazz bands. Additionally, Peter was an editor of the award winning *Ritan Newspaper*, was a member of the chorus, and was a peer minister.

He will attend Creighton University in the fall.

Evan Bradley is a member of St. Walter Parish and is a graduate of St. Walter School. He earned Silver Honors status this year and was a member of the football team. Evan will attend Purdue University in the fall.

Scott Smolek is a member of Our Lady of the Woods Parish and is a graduate of Palos South Jr. High School. He earned Silver Honors status this year and was a member of the south section divisions champion baseball team. Scott will attend St. Joseph College in the fall.

## Laguna Festival

Extend the celebration of Latino Horizons with the annual outdoor Laguna Festival. Guests can enjoy lively musical performances, dance, rhythm and a variety of activities for kids -- such as face painting, tattoos, fortunetellers, balloonists, jugglers, stiltwalkers and crafts. Sunday, July 15:

10:30 to 11:15 am -- Nelson Sosa (music of Latin America)

12:30 to 1:15 pm -- Taino Dance Group (music and dance of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean)

1:30 to 2:15 pm -- Renacer Boliviano (dance and music of Bolivia)

2:30 to 3:15 pm -- Machu Picchu (music and songs Mexico)

3:30 to 4:15 pm -- The Mexican Folkloric Dance Co. of Chicago (music, song and dance of Mexico)

4:30 to 5:15 pm -- Nahui Ollin (music and dance from Central Mexico)

## Scorecard Events

In celebration of the Science of Sport exhibit, the Museum of Science and Industry is hosting Scorecard events throughout the summer. Schedule and times are subject to change. Please note that players mentioned are scheduled to appear.

Saturday, June 30 through Sunday, July 15 -- Solar Independence exhibition, Museum's front lawn. Get a first hand look at some of the most progressive solar technologies used today to power homes and businesses. The highlight is a 64x40 foot American flag display, made entirely of solar panels!

Friday, July 13, Blackhawks Day from 11 am to 1 pm; Dennis Savard (autograph signing), and the first 500 guests to enter Science of Sport will receive an official Blackhawks game puck!

Saturday, July 14 -- Meet the teams who will be competing in the American Solar Challenge. Teams will be doing final prep work on their cars before Sunday's race and will be available to answer questions.

Sunday, July 15 - 9:00 am, American Solar Challenge starts, cars depart from Museum's east lot.

Saturday, July 21 - Footbag (commonly known as hacky sack) and Ultimate

## Little Company introduces Therapy Experts

Yoga, Tai Chi, exercise, acupuncture, massage and Healing Touch are forms of integrative therapy that can help cancer patients and their family and friends. The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers invites you to meet their integrative therapy experts. Come to a special free introductory program on Wednesday, July 18 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

The program will take place at 2800 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park, in Meeting Room I, ground floor at The Cancer Center.

Complimentary valet parking is available on California Avenue at 95th Street. Refreshments will be served. For reservations and information call 708-229-6001.

### Frisbee Day

11 am to 2 pm - Footbag demonstration and freestyle competition, Museum's Rotunda.

11 am to 2 pm - Freestyle Frisbee Demonstration and Ultimate; Frisbee tips, Lower Court

Wednesday, July 25 - Try your hand at the wheel of a racecar simulator and meet the Target Team Drivers, Lower Court

Thursday, July 26 - Get the autograph of a CART driver; Target Grand Prix souvenirs given out to Museum guests, Lower Court

Friday and Saturday, July 27 and 28 - Target Grand Prix giveaway to the first 1,000 guests who enter Science of Sport

Friday, August 3 - Radio Disney Sport Trivia for Kids Lower Court - 12 to 1 pm; Kids test their knowledge about sports.

Saturday, August 4 - Golf Day featuring Hook a Kid on Golf - 10 am to 3 pm; Kids activities include full swing, chipping and putting, Lower Court. Adult activities include a swing analysis with golf pro, chipping and putting, Rosenwald Court.



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## State Crime Commission honors Senator O'Malley

State Senator Patrick O'Malley has been honored by the Illinois State Crime Commission for "the outstanding work he has done to make Illinois a safer place for families to live and work."

O'Malley was presented with the "Republican Legislator of the Year" Award at the Association's annual dinner reception June 21 in Oak Brook.

"Pat O'Malley is the real deal. He stood strong for the silent working families of Illinois," said Jerry Elsner, Executive Director of the Crime Commission. "Thanks to his legislative efforts, some mother will have the opportunity to see her daughter walk down the steps in her prom dress and some father will have the opportunity to see his son score a touchdown. And felons found with guns will receive a five year, no frills vacation at 'Club Fed' in Walla Walla, Washington."

O'Malley has sponsored a number of initiatives for the Crime Commission, including:

\*Project Exile Illinois - Encourages federal prosecution of convicted felons found

in possession of firearms. Modeled after a highly successful program in Richmond, Virginia.

\*Project Prom Night - Asks citizens, including truck drivers, to keep an eye out for and report teenage drivers who appear to be under the influence of alcohol, especially during the season of prom night revelry and graduation parties.

\*Protect Our Children - Requires that day care facilities and schools, including colleges, receive written notification within 24 hours from the clerk of the court when there is an order of protection issued for any student.

\*Teen substance abuse - Holds adults civilly liable for damages for death and injury resulting from alcohol or illegal drug impairment of teenagers younger than 18 who have been served alcohol or illegal drugs by those adults.



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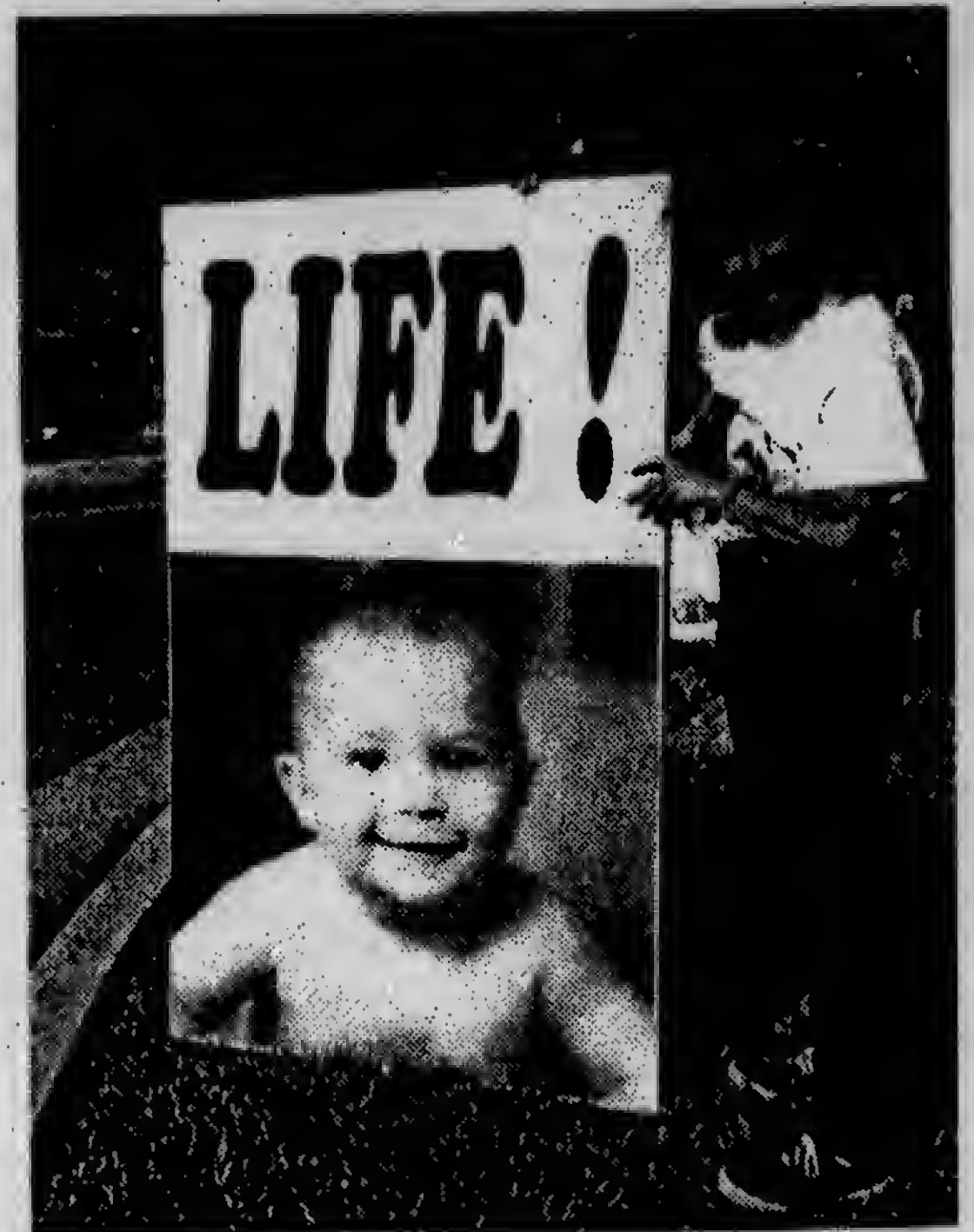


## JOIN THE ILLINOIS FACE THE TRUTH TOUR

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The Pro-Life Action League and Citizens for a Pro-Life Society will sponsor the **FACE the TRUTH** Tour. We will visit twenty-seven cities and towns throughout the greater Chicagoland area. Holding pictures of healthy unborn babies and huge graphic signs of aborted babies, we will line up along the roads, highways, streets and thoroughfares, showing the American people the truth about abortion.

You can help! Join us when we visit Oak Lawn, Burbank and Evergreen Park. Check the times and locations on this page and just show up. We will provide the signs.



**Burbank — Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**  
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**Evergreen Park/Oak Lawn**  
**Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**  
11:30 – 1:00  
95<sup>th</sup> & Crawford

Pictures can illustrate truths in a way in which words alone are often inadequate. Just as photos revealed the horror of the Holocaust, photos tear off the mask of "choice" revealing the Truth about Abortion. Yes, the truth hurts, but the lie hurts so much more.

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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

## Building on success together

During the 2001 spring session of the General Assembly, Governor George H. Ryan built on his record of accomplishment for the people in Illinois. By working in a bipartisan manner with taxpayers, legislators and interest groups, Governor Ryan led the state in new directions and improved existing programs to help the 12 million people of Illinois maintain the highest possible quality of life.

In education and job development, the governor's 2001 accomplishments clearly put children first and ensure that Illinois will remain prosperous. Our human infrastructure will be strengthened with the expansion of health care and social service programs for people in need. Our environment and natural resources will benefit from the most expensive protection and enhancement program ever undertaken by state government. More opportunities will abound to enjoy parks, lakes, rivers and forests. Illinois' streets, neighborhoods and schoolyards will be better protected. The state's transportation system -- road, rail and air -- will be more modern. Thousands of new classrooms will be built. Our business climate -- which includes corporate giants, "mom and

pop" stores and family farms -- will allow success and hard work to thrive.

As a state, and as a people, Illinois faces many challenges. By working together, by uniting behind a common purpose and by setting aside differences, the people of Illinois are getting things done. Led by Governor Ryan, we are building a new Illinois... together.

### Highlights:

**Children are our first priority** - 51% of all new state revenues, \$460 million, are earmarked for education; The construction of 7,700 new classrooms; Funding was increased for reading, summer bridge programs and early childhood education.

**Preparing for the new economy** - With state help, The Boeing Company will move to Chicago along with more than \$4.3 billion in economic benefits over the next 20 years; More funding for workforce training programs.

**Keeping our neighborhoods safe** - Plans for more than 10,500 new prison beds to keep criminals behind bars and prisons under control; More state troopers; more parole agents, better equipment for police; Fighting gangs, guns and drug dealers with tough laws and innovative partnerships.

**Protecting our natural heritage** - The Open Land

Trust will be expanded by 25%, ensuring more open space and parkland for the public; More than \$1 billion in support for biotechnology research; Cleaning up 33 old landfills, 1,000 leaking oil wells, and 750 abandoned mines.

**Strengthening our human infrastructure** - Direct care workers for the developmentally disabled will get a \$1 an hour wage increase; The state's Medicaid program will remain intact without program cuts; More funding for biomedical research and teaching; State support for seniors' prescription drugs will be expanded to include osteoporosis.

**Transforming government** - Streamlining and reforming government operations; Illinois ranks 4th among the states in the use of technology.

**Tax Relief and Budget Management** - Record high year end budget balances of more than \$1 billion for three straight years; Since 1999, more than \$1.68 billion in tax relief for Illinois families.

**Rebuilding Illinois** - A \$50 million construction program for community colleges; More than 7,600 Illinois FIRST projects funded; \$16 million library for Chicago State University.

Unlike discount programs, the Chicago CityPass booklet contains an actual ticket to six of the city's most popular attractions allowing immediate entrance and avoiding most main entrance ticket lines.

Tickets may be purchased at any of the six CityPass attractions, are available in advance of travel at [www.citypass.com](http://www.citypass.com) and from any U.S. travel agent. CityPass ticket booklets have no expiration date, and once presented at the first attraction, booklets are valid for nine days, making them a great option to keep handy for visiting friends and relatives. For recorded information, call 707-256-0490.

## Chicago CityPass invites locals to save time and money this summer

Looking for an alternative vacation idea without summer's high cost of travel? CityPass, the visitor friendly attraction program offering great attractions in America's favorite cities, at one low packaged price in seven U.S. cities, seems is just the ticket for a sightseeing trip to Chicago, even if you call it home. CityPass makes being a tourist in Chicago easy and affordable, with the city's most popular attractions bundled into a ticket booklet packed with savings and information. As a bonus, there's no waiting in main entrance ticket lines. It's like having a

key to your own fascinating city of art, architecture, history, and culture, minus the cost of airline travel or gas prices.

Chicago CityPass represents a major savings off individual box office prices -- adults \$33.75, seniors 65+ \$25.00 and youth age 3-11 \$22.75 for admission to six "must see" attractions and cultural institutions on every visitor's list: Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum, The Art Institute of Chicago, The Field Museum, The Museum of Science and Industry, Shedd Aquarium, and Sears Tower Skydeck.



## Moraine Valley announces award winning employee

Ray Greinke, of Chicago, an audio/visual specialist (center) accepts the Nancy Blane Guerra Service Award from President Vernon O. Crawley (left), and Trustee Thomas Sullivan at the college's Staff Recognition Dinner on May 3. The award recognizes a professional staff member for outstanding service, loyalty, and dedication to the college.

## Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

### Exciting new Chicago Fed Visitors Center hosts Grand Opening

What has more universal appeal than money? How about putting your hand on a cool million? The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 230 S. LaSalle Street, will host the Grand Opening celebration of its brand new, state-of-the-art Chicago Fed Visitors Center, Saturday, July 7, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Money comes to life at the new Chicago Fed Visitors Center. Fun, interactive computer games, videos and kinetic sculptures introduce visitors to what the Chicago Fed is all about, how money and banking have evolved in the U.S. and how the Federal Reserve System affects the lives of all U.S. citizens.

Money is the theme of the July 7 Grand Opening celebration, which is free and open to the public. Groove to live musical entertainment. All children will receive a free piggy bank.

The new 5,600 square foot Chicago Fed Visitors Center will

give the public a hands on chance to learn all about the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank in an accessible, hands on manner. In addition to the Million Dollar Cube, other unique attractions illustrating the power of money include the Counterfeit Cash Quiz and the Lifecycle of a Dollar Bill, a dynamic eight foot high kinetic "sculpture" that demonstrates money's lifespan, from its use in the economy to its shredding at the Fed.

The July 7 Grand Opening Celebration marks the beginning of special summer Chicago Fed Visitors Center hours: Saturdays, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sundays, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm through Labor Day. The Visitors Center is free and will be open to the public year round from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Mondays through Fridays, except holidays. For more information on the new Visitors Center, or to arrange a special group tour of the Bank, please call 312-322-5112.

### Exhibits offered at the Federal Reserve Bank

**The Block of Bucks** - See the Million Dollar Cube, weighing more than 2,000 pounds and representing one million dollars in bills.

**Spot the Fakes** - Visitors can take the "Counterfeit Quiz" to see if they can spot fake currency and learn how Fed Banks weed out the good from the bad bucks. The Chicago Fed handles more than nine million bills a day and turns up about 40-50 counterfeits a day.

**The Lively Life of Money** - This dynamic eight foot high "kinetic sculpture" demonstrates the lifecycle of money as it travels from the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing through the economy to its ultimate end, shredded by the Fed.

**From Cocoa Beans to Cash Machines** - The Chicago Fed's comprehensive collection of rare coins and currency illustrate how money first came into being and evolved into today's currency. Various artifacts used in the days of bartering, the oldest system of exchange, are also on display.

**The Money Pit** - Visitors can stand on top of a glassed pit of coins submerged in the floor of an old elevator shaft. As visitors step across the money pit, they will set off a series of colored lights.

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## Village of Worth Board of Trustees Meeting

By: F.J. Soczek

Looking for a hot tip in the stock market? No, it's not Microsoft.

It's Ticketmaster.

Because that's where you may be headed if the standing room only attendance continues at the bi-monthly Village of Worth Committee/Board of Trustees meetings.

Seems they even wrote a song about it--"What a difference a month makes..." Or something like that.

During the days prior to the April election, it was not uncommon to see a solitary concerned citizen passively observing Village government in action.

A 360 degree turnabout has taken place. People are now speaking out about issues effecting their lives. People who are no longer afraid of being publicly humiliated or abruptly cut off by the autocratic crash of cruelly wielded gavel.

And like a classroom full of voracious students, citizens are doing their homework. With impunity. They have finally found someone who is actually willing to listen to what they have to say.

Fortunately, there were no owners or employees of the Dionysos Restaurant present during the Tuesday night Committee meeting. If there were, leaving early was clearly beneficial to their health.

It appears a special use permit to serve liquor outdoors was tentatively granted to Dionysos during a previous public committee meeting.

According to an irate group of a half dozen or so neighbors, the "promises" and assurances given by the Dionysos' staff and legal counsel regarding loud music and liquor service

have been flagrantly ignored.

And the neighbors had proof. Photographs. Videos. Tape recordings.

When it was suggested the infractions be reported to the police, one resident noted the keenly observant wait staff are constantly on the lookout for police vehicles and are rather adept at swiftly removing the illicit hooch.

It seems a promised lattice privacy barrier has yet to be installed. Consequently, full approval for liquor service outdoors is on hold during the interim.

"They (Dionysos) have no regard for the residents of Worth and its administration," one neighbor complained.

Mayor Ed Guzdzioł urged the residents to continue their calls as necessary to the police, who reportedly issued one code violation ticket to the restaurant.

Steve Dell, a representative from Kemper Sports Management, gave a slide presentation/progress report on the Water's Edge Golf Course.

Dell gave a glowing recap of the bottom-line figures and stated the fledgling course was highly regarded by the professional golfing press and consistently performed in the upper percentiles using both local and national statistics.

Trustee Kevin Werner urged the Board to approve a contract with a professional architect for preliminary design and configuration of the long awaited recreational facility.

Werner noted a land survey was not included in the cost estimates, and was needed prior to project commencement.

Considerable debate

ensued as to whether the latter documentation was previously performed, thus eliminating a duplicate expense. It was agreed an exhaustive search should be immediately conducted so that the project might proceed without further delay.

Werner noted initial plans include five baseball, three soccer and one football field.



From left to right: Dan Scurek and Gerald Bennett.

## Dan Scurek appointed to Community Development Director at Enterprize

by Carlene O'Conner

Recently Dan Scurek of Palos Hills was appointed to Community Development Director of Enterprize which will work with the Southwest Council of Mayors in 22 Municipalities to attract and keep business in the southwest region.

Scurek has been on his job for two weeks networking and thinks its great. He was selected for the position because he has 30 years real estate development experience and says its his professional "experience not education which makes him so good at his job."

In his post, Scurek meets with village managers, mayors, businesses, and cham-

bers of commerce. When there is an empty site for a business he is contacted at his office in Orland and brings the business and the municipality together. He says alot of what he does comes from background and knowledge of real estate.

Scurek will also help small business people get loans. He will direct them from his office to the proper places. Even in these tougher economic times, Scurek says that banks are happy to help out small businesses and Mayor Bennett commented that state institutions can provide loans to small businesses.

Bennett of the Southwest Conference of Mayors and



Chicago Ridge Mayor Gene Siegel shares a hearty handshake with the very first resident of Lexington Health Care Center. Ron Miller was the first to move in ten years ago when the Center opened its doors to serve neighborhood seniors at 10300 Southwest Highway.

## Lexington Health Care Center

Chicago Ridge's Mayor Gene Siegel, paid a visitor to commemorate the tenth year anniversary of Lexington Health Care Center, 10300 Southwest Highway.

"Seniors are special to me," says the Mayor. "I know from meeting Lexington residents, that many of them don't have families. They're by themselves except for the caring staff members who surround them. All our Chicago Ridge seniors have gone through a lot in their lives and as they age, many are not able to get around as they once did. So it gives me great pleasure to visit with them through-

out the year."

And visit he does. "Every year Mayor Siegel donates a television for our bazaar," says administrator Lynn Cecconi. "During the holiday season, the Mayor's office hosts a special luncheon for our seniors."

Mayor Siegel reminds those in the neighborhood that "All Chicago Ridge seniors are welcome to attend events and activities at the completely handicapped accessible Friendship Club and Ridge Seniors Club - both at the Senior Center within the Village Hall and Police Station at 105th and Ridgeland in Chicago Ridge."

## St. Gerald Women's Club towel and linen sale

Thursday and Friday, July 12 and 13 from 9 am to 9 pm and Saturday, July 14 from 9 am to 5 pm at St. Gerald's Chapel Hall, 93rd and Central, Oak Lawn (basement of church).

Priced at 1/2 the regular retail price levels - sheets, towels, rugs, blankets, baby items, pillow cases, pillows, shower curtains, household auto tools, and much more!

Any questions, contact Lenore Goodfriend at 708-423-6498.

Scurek of Enterprize will work closely together.

Scurek said his goal this year was to see that none of the businesses left the southwest region and we flourished.

Mayor Bennett said Palos Hills was a "Bedroom Community that would not attract a large industrial plant. But another neighboring town could; allowing for employment to residents of our town. That's how we can all help each other."

You can contact Dan Scurek at 14700 South Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462; 708-598-0171.



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## Congresswoman Biggert meets with Chicago Muslim Community on Palestine

On Tuesday, July 3, in an important meeting arranged by the United Muslim Americans Association (UMAA), representatives from the Muslim community in Illinois met with Congresswoman Judy Biggert at her office in Clarendon Hills. The delegation included, Dr. Sabri Samirah (President of UMAA), Mr. Rafeeq Jaber (President of the Islamic Association for Palestine), Mr. Naim Mansour (UMAA's West Suburbs Director), Mr. Salam Atasi and Mustafa Hashimi, (Businessman and youth activist from Biggert constituents).

The Muslim delegation mentioned the killing of more than 550 and the injuring of more than 20,000 Palestinians, the widespread demolition of Palestinian homes, the continued building of Jewish settlements and the eight month siege of no work and confinement imposed on the Palestinian society. Above all, the Muslim leaders emphasized, "These atrocities are taking place on lands that are supposed to be under the Palestinian Authority control, based on the peace agreements."

The Muslim delegates informed Congresswoman Biggert that US Muslims, as well as many other Americans, are calling for a more responsible policy towards the crisis in the Middle East in

response to the US's blind and seemingly unconditional political, financial and military support of Israel. She was informed that this "unjust and unbalanced American policy is creating discontent and hostilities against the US in the Muslim world."

The Muslim leaders emphasized that the only way to achieve a just and lasting peace is that "the US should pressure the Israelis toward a solution that ends the Israeli occupation and all kinds of oppression, stops Jewish settlements, preserves the right of return for Palestinians and establishes a free independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital."

Congresswoman Biggert expressed her sorrow over the continued killings of the Palestinians and destruction of the Palestinian society. In addition to that, the Congresswoman promised to work with Congressman Henry Hyde, the Chairman of the International relations Committee to investigate possible violations of the US Weapons Export Act, which prohibits the selling of US weapons or the giving of aid to countries that commit crimes against civilians.

many different areas such as depression, grief, and dreams, and now includes couples. Her Woman to Woman Center promotes personal healing, growth and empowerment.

This will be a night of enlightenment so plan on joining us and bring a friend as she speaks on "How to Deal with Stress and Kids."

Dinner tickets are \$12.50, available at 6:30 pm at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00 pm. For reservations and/or additional information, please call Josephine at 773-767-8031.

## The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International

The speaker for August will be Donna Collins, a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and registered nurse. She is a member of the American Counseling Association and is a Nationally Certified Counselor.

Donna's experience in individual and group counseling of women has covered



Photo by Deneen Johnson

## Recorder of Deeds begins Book Restoration Project

Eugene "Gene" Moore, the Cook County Recorder of Deeds Office and the Recorder of Deeds announced the commencement of the Book Restoration Project. The purpose of this project is to preserve all data and information recorded in the office and ensure the existence and integrity of these records for our prosperity and the people of Cook County. In particular, the project will focus on the preservation of our tract books, which chronicle and contain the history of own-

ership, financing and other activity associated with all real property in Cook County from the period beginning immediately after the Chicago fire of 1871 to 1985.

Moore stated that "the Book Restoration Project is a critical and indispensable undertaking with respect to the record keeping obligations and duties with which this office has been entrusted by the people of Cook County. One look at some of the older books in the office makes the need for this

project unmistakably clear. With the number documents recorded in our office routinely exceeding 1,000,000 and the real estate development boom currently taking place in Cook County, continued reliance on our older maintenance approach is no longer prudent and the consequences of some unanticipated disaster would be very devastating."

Moore says he's very grateful to the Cook County Board of Commissioners for their foresight.

## Catholic Charities announces layoffs

Father Michael M. Boland, Administrator of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, announced a decision to reduce

the agency's workforce by 68 full and part time positions. Thirty two employees were laid off June 30, 2001. The remaining 36 positions,

which are currently vacant, will not be filled. This reduction affects all of the agency's operating divisions, as well as administration.

In a letter announcing the decision to Catholic Charities employees, Boland wrote:

"As you know, during the

past several months Catholic Charities has undertaken a very painful budget process. Simultaneously, we have been working equally hard to make sure that we are operating in the most efficient way possible by cutting our costs in almost every area. I had hoped that we could balance our budget without affecting our employees.

"But despite our progress, the shortfall in revenue from our government contracts has become more challenging in recent months and we must take the painful step of making staff reductions."

Catholic Charities was looking to the legislature to approve a \$120 million increase for community social service providers from which Catholic Charities would receive over \$2 million to continue funding needed services.

This year without the increase needed from the state, revenues for Catholic Charities' programs are projected to fall more than \$12.1 million short of their \$150 million cost. That shortfall will be met with investment income, fundraising and United Way grants totaling \$9.1 million and \$3 million made through layoffs and restructuring of programs.

Boland called on the legislature to act during the veto session to prevent the continued diversion of privately raised dollars to cover shortfalls in state contracts. "Every Catholic Charities dollar that goes to subsidize state contracts is money taken away from the hungry, the homeless, pregnant teens and families in crisis," Boland said.

Boland called on city leaders to take action: "The City of Chicago relies on us to shelter families and care for children, but continues to refuse to fund the full cost of these services." He continued, "In a slowing economy, in which demand for these services increase, it's hard to imagine meeting these needs while laying off staff."



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### De La Salle's Sports Hall of Fame Ceremony a Success

The 2001 De La Salle Athletic Reunion Banquet and Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held in the school's Hilton Commons on June 6, 2001.

The featured speaker for the evening was former White Sox first baseman Bill "Moose" Skowron.

The nine individuals who were inducted into De La Salle's Sports Halls Sports Hall of Fame for their significant contributions to De La Salle were Anthony C. Chimera (Class of 1983); Mawuli Mel Davis, '87; Mark T. Dorencz, '89; Brother Peter Hannon, FSC, '64; John M. "Jack" Lamb, '89; Thomas J. Mallon, '43; George A. Rickford, '54; John Sullivan and Michael N. Vitek, '64. Mr. Mallon was inducted posthumously.

The 1966 De La Salle varsity baseball team, which was

### Publisher's Pen

by Annette Dixon

After spending over three weeks vacationing this summer seeking out the excitement of New Orleans and sight-seeing in Spain, Portugal and Morocco, it was time to buckle down and get to work.

My job consists of meeting various leaders within the communities in which we circulate our newspaper.

In Oak Lawn, I met a very important person by the name of Mike Miller. He is the 2nd cook at De Ja Brew on 95th Street. Mike is the son of Betty and Bob Miller, alumni guests at the St. Martin Grammar School Group, which meets on the last Monday of each month.

Jean Singer, resident of Oak Lawn, gave a computer seminar session at Victorian Village in Orland Park at Bell and 143 recently.

Jean taught a great class for those using Microsoft Word and introduced mail merging. Jean is the Help Desk Coordinator for the Rest Haven Organization.

Carol Marsh, Founder of the Oak Lawn Children's Museum recently celebrated her son's birthday at their

guided by head coach Len Kosiek, also was enshrined on that special and memorable evening.

All of these gentlemen have made great contributions

home with family members. Clayton turned 5 years old. We are still waiting for a picture of Ethan in a Cubs uniform. Good luck Carol!

Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau is working extremely hard to help their members in networking. On June 21st, at Flossmoor Station, over 100 guests sat down to a buffet dinner and sampled their award winning brews. I need to get back there for they have a caboose converted into an ice cream parlor. It looked so quaint, I'll need to drive back there with my grandsons.

Also, Tinley Park Chamber threw a great bash in order to introduce their annual auto show display!

Thanks to the dealerships in Tinley and the Tinley Park Chamber for introducing guests to leaders within the racing community and the city and government officials.

Lastly, in Oak Lawn the AFSCME Union 601, Oak Lawn Municipal Employees AFL-CIO held a food drive for the local food pantries. This drive was fun to bring your food to because the people were friendly and they gave smiley buttons to the participants. Thank you Local 601 for caring.

While I was traveling with

to De La Salle's rich athletic history in their own unique way and are to be congratulated for their achievements.

### Deadline looms for city stickers

City Clerk Jim Laski reminds Chicago residents and business owners to purchase and display the 2001-2002 vehicle sticker and residential zone parking permits on their windshields before the deadline of Sunday, July 15.

The cost of a sticker for passenger vehicles is \$75. Class A truck drivers are \$110 and motorcycle medallions are \$45. Senior citizens, 65 and older, receive a passenger sticker for \$30. Also, anyone living in a residential zone area must purchase a current vehicle sticker prior to being issued a \$25 parking permit sticker and \$3 books of one day guest parking passes.

By ordinance, if the decal is purchased after the deadline a late fine of \$30 will be incurred, increasing the price

to \$105 for a new sticker. In addition, violators may face \$60 parking tickets for failure to display the sticker.

Many options are still available to Chicagoans in need of the new sticker.

**City Clerk's Office -- City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle - Monday-Friday, 8 am to 5 pm; Saturdays, 9 am to 1 pm and Sunday, July 15, 9 am to 1 pm.**

**City Clerk's Satellite Office -- 5301 S. Cicero - Monday-Friday, 8 am to 6 pm, Saturdays 8 am to 1 pm.**

**Secretary of State Facility -- 9901 S. Martin Luther King Drive - Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm; Wednesday from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.**

Julie Barker, I missed the VIP party of our number 1 community leader, retired Mayor Anthony Vacco of Evergreen Park. I saw some pictures and it looked like a great party.

Recently there was a marriage announcement in several newspapers. Tania Grajek of Worth is getting married in September. Tania is the daughter of the deceased Al Grajek, founder of Worth Memorial.

I am proud and happy to announce, my son, Lance Dixon, married, father of two sons is starting his own printing and graphic business in Champaign, IL.

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### Moraine Valley offers Real Estate appraisal courses this summer

Several Real Estate Appraisal continuing education courses will be offered at Moraine Valley this summer.

\*Fair Housing/Fair Lending meets Wednesdays, 6-9:45 pm for two weeks, beginning July 11. The fee is \$90.

\*Market Abstraction Review meets Saturdays, 8:30 am to 12:15 pm, for two weeks, beginning July 21. The fee is \$90.

\*Six Functions of a Dollar meets Saturdays, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, for one day on July 14. The fee is \$90.

\*Uniform Residential Appraisal Report meets Saturdays, 12:30 to 4:15 pm, for two weeks, beginning July 21. The fee is \$90.

\*Standards of Professional Practice Review meets Wednesdays, 6:00 to 9:45 pm, for two weeks beginning July 25. The fee is \$90.

Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. Palos Hills. Students can register by phone with an operator 708-974-2110. Visit the website [www.moraine.cc.il.us](http://www.moraine.cc.il.us).

### St. Xavier receives technology grant

AT&T has awarded the Midwest technology Teaching Academy (MTTA) a \$50,000 grant for its expansion and second year of operation. The MTTA, a consortium of Saint Xavier University, Alverno College, Holy Cross College, Loras College, Mount Mary College and North Central College, focuses on faculty development in the use of technology in the classroom.

The MTTA pairs faculty mentors and mentees at the participating universities, who work over two semesters toward redesigning the course by incorporating technology and implementing new teaching methods.

"The goal of the Academy is to support faculty, expand boundaries, and energize one another," said Dr. Angelo Bonadonna, of St. Xavier's English Department. "We are focusing on mentorship as a better way to approach teaching change."

Funding for the grant is provided by the Foundation for Independent Higher Education's 2001-2002 AT&T Learning Network Teaching and technology Grants program.

### Free Skating to benefit needy

The Oak Lawn Park District presents "Santa in the Summer." This program will take place on Monday, July 23 from 4:10 pm to 5:50 pm. Participants can skate for free if they bring in two non-perishable canned goods. The Ice Arena is located at 9320 S. Kenton Avenue.

The canned goods collected will be donated to a nearby shelter. The fee for skate rental still applies, which is \$2.25 a pair.

Even though the weather is not what he is used to, Santa will be making a visit at the Ice Arena to pass out cookies and bring a little holiday cheer to the summer season.

"It's free and while you are helping others by donating food, you will be able to enjoy an evening of skating with Santa," says Roz Wendt, Oak Lawn Ice Arena Manager.

For more information, about the skate, call the Arena at 708-857-5173.

*Don't miss an issue!*

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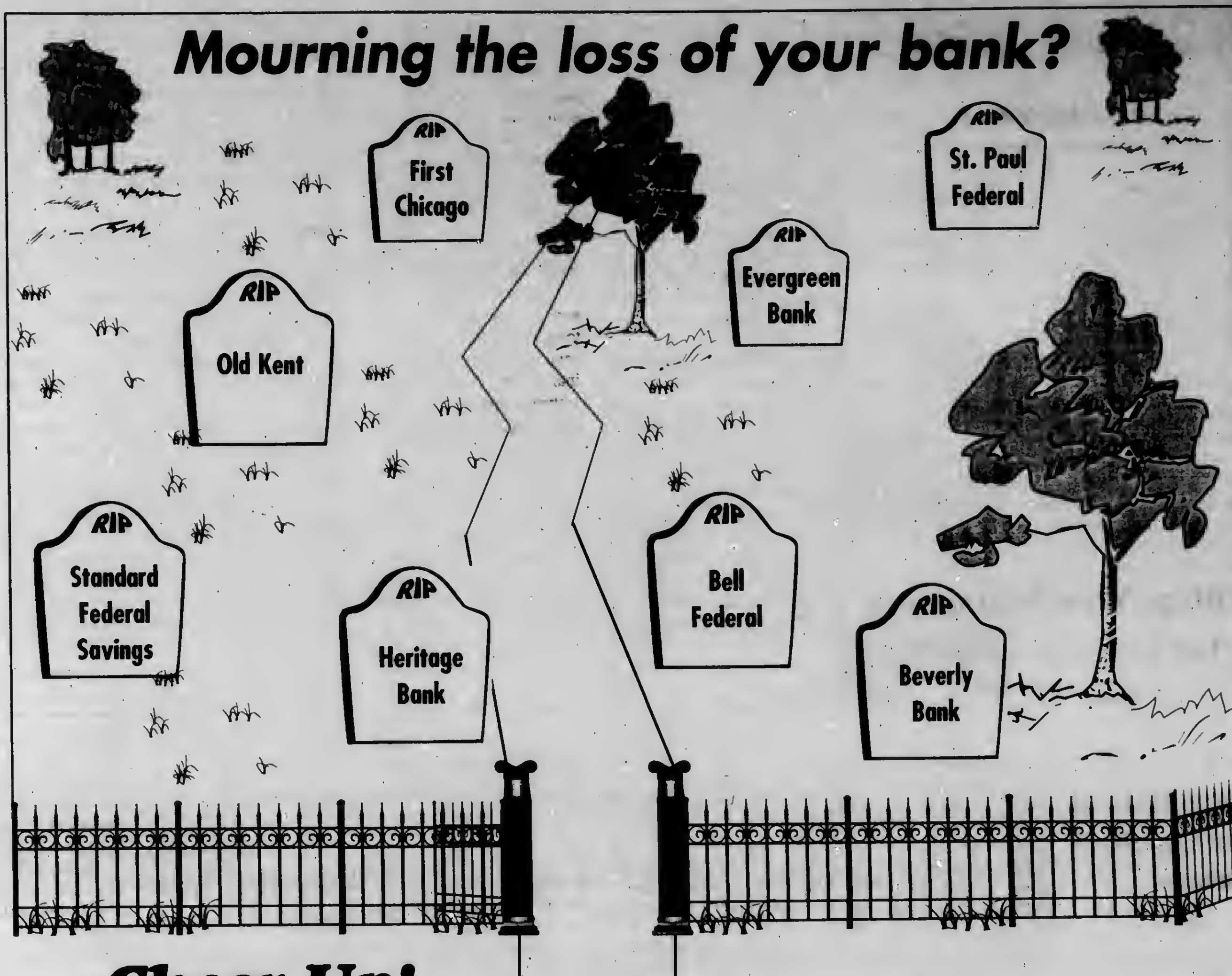
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### Magazine Takes The Seatback, Not The Back Seat

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This sophisticated magazine, available on Amtrak trains traveling throughout the Northeast, will be published six times a year, with such regular features as:

- Power Trip—focusing on high-tech gadgetry;
- Body & Soul—the latest trends in beauty, health-care and other body-relaxing arts;
- Fast Trackers—profiles of the people you don't know, but should;
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- Hot Tickets—Special events in various travel destinations.

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A new onboard publication gives train passengers more than just travel advice.



features Melina Kanakaredes, star of the NBC series "Providence," as an introduction to a feature on the show's namesake city and setting. The November/December issue features entrepreneur B. Smith on the cover. The January/February issue will feature CNBC's Maria Bartiromo.

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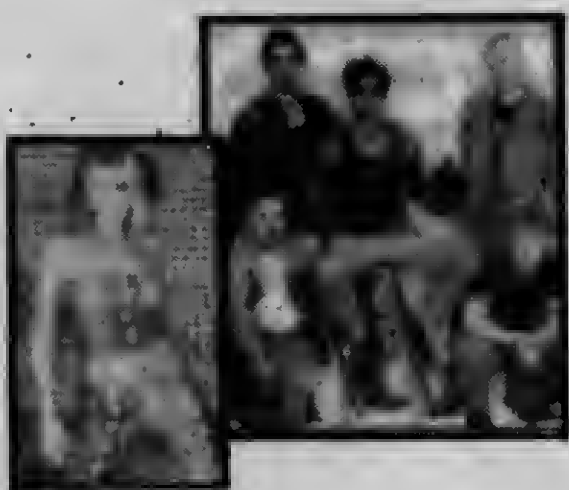
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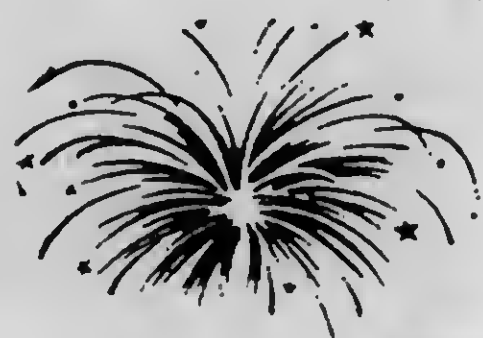
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# School News



## Moraine Valley Community College

10900 S. 88th Avenue Palos Hills (708) 974-5375

**Monetary and other assistance available at Moraine Valley**

Moraine Valley is seeking displaced homemakers in need of assistance to become economically self sufficient.

The program, supported by a \$65,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Labor, provides education, vocational training, and other support services to more than 100 people, predominantly women.

The Displaced Homemaker Program offers assistance to individuals who were dependent on the income of a family member but are now separated, divorced or widowed or who were dependent on federal assistance but are no longer eligible.

Displaced homemakers often need assistance with personal development, career counseling, and job search skills. These individuals require better assessment, more attention and consistent encouragement. The Dislocated Worker Assistance Center, located on campus, can coordinate services with a host of other community agencies that provide outreach.

For more information call the Moraine Illinois Employment Training Center at 708-974-5738

**Cinderella to search for her prince at Moraine Valley**

Cinderella will search for her prince in summer Theater for Young Audiences performances at Moraine Valley Community College July 24 through 28 and July 30 through August 3. Week-day performances will start at 10 am, and the Saturday show will start at 2 pm. All performances of "Cinderella" will take place in the Dorothy Menker Theater, located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

If you think you know this fairytale, think again! With zany stepsisters named Prunella and Grizelda, and a fairy godmother that gets all her spells backward, this may be the wackiest version of Cinderella you've ever seen. Will Cinderella make it to the ball to meet her prince? Don't miss Moraine Valley's performances of this charming fairytale to find out!

This play is recommended for preschool through fourth grade students, but can be enjoyed by the entire family. Performances will last one hour. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. For tickets call 708-974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 handling fee.

**Audiences "Stepping Out" to Moraine Valley summer performance**

Moraine Valley College will present performances of Richard Harris' "Stepping Out" July 27 through 29 and August 3 through 5. Friday and Saturday shows will start at 8 pm and Sunday shows will start at 2 pm. All performances will take place in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater, located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on the campus.

To tap or not to tap -- that is the question. This group of hopeless, bumbling tap students is dancing in circles in class while trying to conquer their inhibitions in life. This makes it even harder for Mavis, the instructor, to get her students to stop fighting amongst themselves, let alone dance! This famous and touching story of friendship and overcoming insecurities is propelled by its hilarity.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Seating is general admission. For tickets, visit the Fine and Performing Arts Center Box Office or call 708-974-5500. Phone orders subject to a \$1 per order handling fee.

medication are ineligible for this study. Women who qualify for the study will receive a free bone density exam.

For more information about this research study, call 312-503-6227.

## AARP

The AARP is sponsoring a 2-day "55 Alive" class on reviewing rules of the road at the Senior Center located at 6012 S. Archer on Tuesday, August 7 and Thursday, August 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The class fee is \$10, payable to AARP. Appointments must be made as class size is limited. After completing this course, seniors can present your receipt to their car insurance company to receive a discount on their insurance.

For more information you can call 284-0428 Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 3:00.

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## Lewis University presents musical Fiddler on the Roof

Lewis University's Philip Lynch Theatre will present "Fiddler on the Roof" for two weekends. Performances are July 20, 21, 22, and July 26, 27, 28 and 29.

Evening performances begin at 8:00 pm. Sunday matinees begin at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$11 for students and seniors. For reservations, call 815-836-5500.

The Philip Lynch Theatre is located in the Oremus Fine Arts Center on the main campus of Lewis University on Route 53 in Romeoville. "Fiddler on the Roof" is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.



## Summer Performance of Stepping Out

Moraine Valley Community College will present performances of Richard Harris' "Stepping Out" July 27 through 29 and August 3 through 5.



## Moraine Valley's Production of Cinderella

Moraine Valley Community College's Theater for Young Audiences will present performances of "Cinderella" July 24 through 28 and July 30 through August 3.

## Oak Lawn Park District sponsors charity skating party

The Oak Lawn Park District presents, "Santa in the Summer." This program will

take place on Monday, July 23rd from 4:10 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. Participants can skate for free if they bring in two non-perishable canned goods. The Ice Arena is located at 9320 S. Kenton Ave. The canned goods collected will be donated to a nearby shelter. The fee for skate rental still applies, which is \$2.25 a pair.

Even though the weather is not what he is used to,

Santa will be there to pass out cookies.

For more information, call (708) 857-5173.

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## Northwestern University will test possible osteoporosis treatment

Physicians at the Northwestern Center for Clinical Research are conducting a clinical study to investigate the possible use of parathyroid hormone as a treatment for osteoporosis, a condition in which bones become weak and brittle.

Currently approved osteoporosis treatments slow down bone loss but do not increase bone formation.

Previous clinical trials of parathyroid hormone for the treatment of osteoporosis have shown that it may increase bone mass and reduce risk of fractures more than any currently available treatment.

However, it should be noted that while results of these studies seem promising, use of parathyroid hormone as a treatment for

osteoporosis is still considered experimental.

Statistics show that 10 million Americans have osteoporosis, and that almost half of all women over the age of 50 will develop an osteoporosis related fracture. Often there are no signs or symptoms of bone loss until after the disease has already progressed.

The best means to detect osteoporosis is a bone density exam. Bone density exams are painless and noninvasive and can diagnose osteoporosis in a matter of minutes.

To be eligible for this study, participants must be postmenopausal women aged 45 to 85 who are not currently taking hormone replacement therapy. Women currently taking osteoporosis





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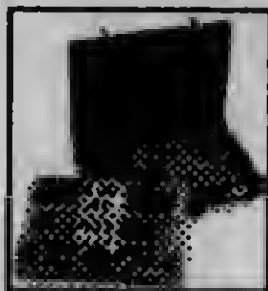
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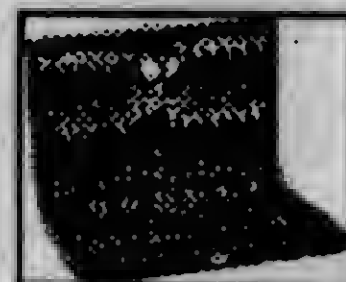
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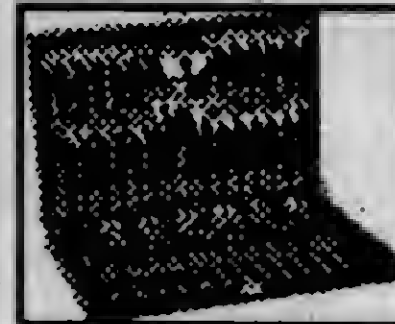
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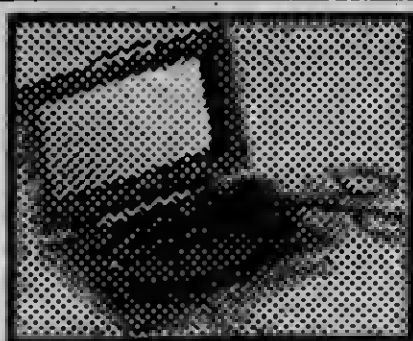
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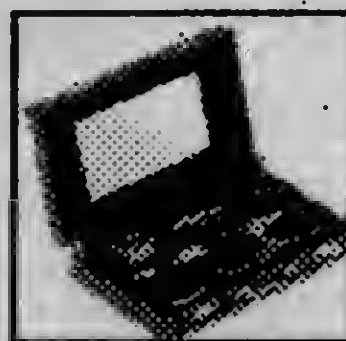
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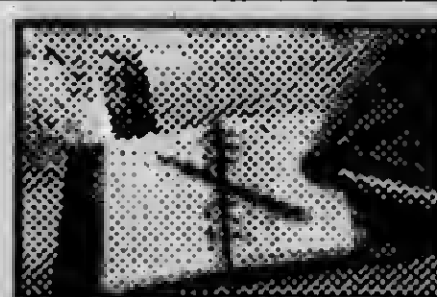
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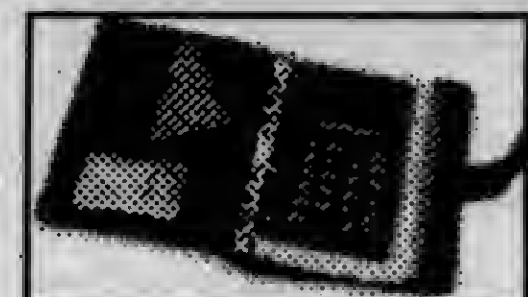
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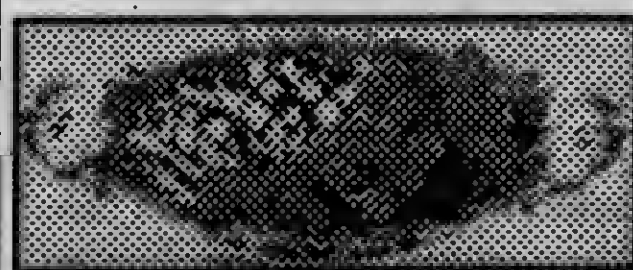
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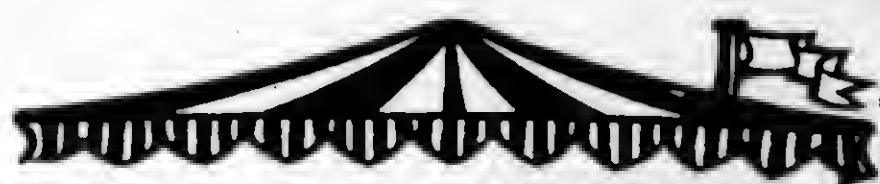
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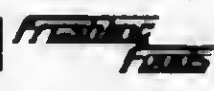
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## Learning E-Business Online

The University of Illinois at Chicago is turning to the Internet to expand its professional training offerings to adult learners in near and far-away locations.

UIC-based Professional Development Programs, in conjunction with the College of Business Administration, has announced the launch of its E-Business E-Commerce Online Certificate Program, which allows participants to study the electronic aspects of business and commerce and earn a certificate entirely by the way of the Web.

The certificate program, which features a flexible curriculum, is designed for busy managers, entrepreneurs and executives who need to excel in e-business, yet have little or no time to attend traditional classes or meet with fellow students.

The course is taught in "asynchronous mode," meaning participants are able to access the program on their own time. They are able

to interact with the materials long distance, get feedback from instructors and peers and access the course when and where they want, which is a major selling point.

The course runs nine weeks, which includes an online orientation. Each of the program's six modules has a 10 day duration. Participants will complete a multiple choice, self evaluation quiz at the end of each module and can expect to spend approximately 15 hours per module working on the course itself, including readings.

Courses modules consist of: E-Business Overview; Intrapreneurship and Entrepreneurship; Knowledge Management and Customer Relationship Management; Marketing, Brand Building and the Internet; Behind the "e;" and Technology Architecture.

"We are proud to be adding the new online e-business program to our catalog," said

Burks Oakley II, associate vice president for academic affairs and director of University of Illinois Online, a national leader in online education. "Now that it's being offered over the Internet, the program has the potential to serve a much larger audience."

The UIC E-Business E-Commerce Online Certificate Program is offered four times per year and is open to qualified applicants. For program fees, dates, and registration details, visit <http://eBizOnline.cba.uic.edu>; email [pdp@uic.edu](mailto:pdp@uic.edu) or contact Cindy Atchley at 312-413-2404.

## The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland

The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland will host an old fashioned ice cream social on Sunday, July 22, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Palos Heights Gazebo located at 7600 South College Drive in Palos Heights. This event is open to the public and Mayors from fourteen suburbs in the League's membership area have been invited. Ice Cream is free and children are welcome.

The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland has approximately 70 members from 14 suburbs in the southwest suburban region. The League is a multifaceted non-partisan organization dedicated to keeping our democracy strong by giving every citizen a voice in government. For more information, please contact Mema Trotter at 708-532-0184.

## Evergreen Park Public Library Senior Citizens Council of Evergreen Park

9400 S. Troy Avenue Evergreen Park (708) 422-8522

On Wednesday, July 18th at 1:00 pm come to the Evergreen Park Library and learn about firefighters. A firefighter from the Evergreen Park Fire Department will visit our Library and talk about his job as a firefighter. This program is for children of all ages. Remember to bring a camera! Registration is required.

Evergreen Park Library invites children of all ages to come and meet Clifford, the Big Red Dog on Wednesday, July 25 at 6:30 pm. You will hear Clifford stories and then you'll get to meet our favorite red dog. Parents remember to bring a camera if you want to take your child's picture with Clifford. Registration is required.

Visit the Evergreen Park Library August 1 at 2:00 pm for our program called Nature's Creatures. Erin of Nature's Creatures will bring all sorts of live critters for an interactive, educational animal show. This program is suitable for children of all ages. Registration is required.

Our Summer Reading Carnival is on Friday, August 3, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Anyone who has logged at least 2 hours of reading time during the summer reading program can play carnival type games and win fun prizes. Bring your carnival ticket. Rain or shine. For any questions call the Library.

The Senior Citizens Council of Evergreen Park meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street, Room 110 at 10:00 am. Village residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Upcoming meetings:  
July 19 - Eugene Moore Cook County Recorder of Deeds

August 16 - Daniel Hynes State Comptroller.

Annual Council Card Party is Friday, August 17 at 12:30 pm in Auditorium of H. B. Maher Community Center. Advance tickets only \$4.50 may be purchased in OCS Office in Room 107. Refreshments will be served; table prizes awarded.

This event is a Ways and Means Committee project. Proceeds fund Senior Council Projects.

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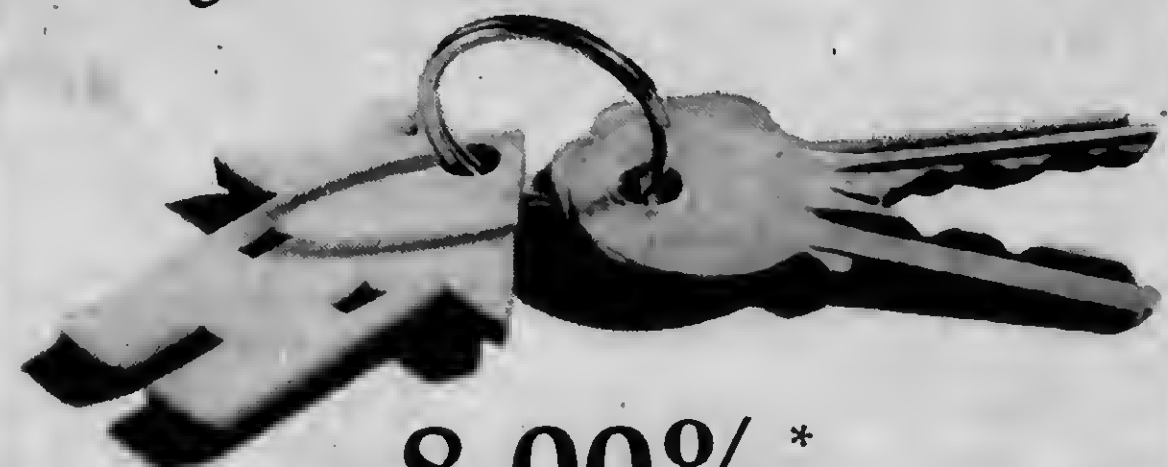
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## Fun for all at the Taste of Midway

St. Camillus Parish presents its annual "Taste of Midway" beginning Wednesday, August 1, through Sunday, August 5 on the parish grounds at 55th Street and Lorel Avenue (across from Midway Airport). The Taste opens Wednesday through Friday at 6:00 pm and on Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 pm.

This year, courtesy of the Department of Aviation and Standard Parking, free parking will be available in the Midway Airport economy lot on 55th Street between Cicero and Laramie Ave. for all "Taste of Midway" patrons. To qualify for free parking, tickets must be validated at the Parish Raffle Booth.

Featured during the Fest will be some of Chicago's finest restaurants, a giant beer garden, and carnival rides for both young and old. Also featured will be jar games, pull tabs, daily Bingo, and many, many more surprises.

Live entertainment will be featured in the Beer Garden.

Wednesday - Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones

Thursday - The Expense Account Band

Friday - Rick "Elvis" Saucedo

Saturday - a performance

by the Students of Darla's Dance Center at 6:00 pm followed by Now & Then at 7:30 pm

Sunday - Stas Bulanda's Dyno Chicago at 1:00 pm followed by The Downtown Sound at 6:00 pm.

The Chet and Dolores Schafer Polka Show will broadcast from the parish grounds on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 pm over WCEV-1450 AM.

The Parish Super Raffle, with a 1st prize of \$10,000, 2nd prize of \$5,000, 3rd prize of \$2,000, 4th through 7th prizes of \$500 and 8th through 11th prizes of \$250 will be held on Sunday night. Tickets are \$20 each.

An "Unlimited Ride" Special for \$14 is available on Thursday, August 2nd from 6:00 pm to closing, and on Saturday and Sunday, August 4th and 5th from 1-5 pm.

US99 Country will broadcast live from the Taste of Midway on Saturday, August 4th from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Stop by the US99 Booth to meet and greet your favorite US99 DeeJay.

Admission is free. Must be 21 years of age to enter the Beer Garden. For more information please call the Parish Office at 773-767-8183.

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Brahms' Quintet for Strings and Piano, featuring Yuan-Qing Yu (violin), Russell Hershow (viola), Katinka Kleijn (cello), Bradley Opland (double bass), Deborah Sobol (piano).

Concerts are held Tuesday evenings from June through September, the Rush Hour Concerts feature artists from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chicago Chamber Musicians, as well as professional musicians from St. James Cathedral. The concerts are designed to create a tranquil transition between busy summer days and busy summer evenings.

Tuesday, July 24 at St. James Cathedral, 65 E. Huron (Huron & Wabash) in Chicago. Refreshments are at 5:15 pm and the concert begins at 5:45 pm. The performance will be Music for Piano Four Hands -- Brahms' Waltzes, Op. 39, featuring Quang-Hao-Huang and Deborah Sobol, piano.

July 31, Beethoven's String Quartet No. 3 in C, Op. 59, The Rasumovsky, featuring The Sebastian String Quartet, Yuan-Qing Yu (violin), Russell Hershow (viola), Katinka Kleijn (cello).



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For more information call 708-636-5460.

## Military News

David P. Pfeiffer has been commissioned as a second lieutenant through the Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools program based at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama.

The new lieutenant graduated from the University of Illinois, Champaign. Pfeiffer is the son of Fred and Louise Pfeiffer of Oak Lawn. He is a 1997 graduate of St. Laurence High School in Burbank.

## Chicago celebrates National Kids Day

Mark your calendar for the first Sunday in August -- National Kids Day is coming. The first of its kind day will be designated each year for adults to celebrate and honor children. National Kids Day's inaugural celebration will fall on Sunday, August 5th, 2001.

Thirteen cities, including Chicago, will host major events, many other cities will commemorate National Kids Day with a series of special activities that encourage adult interaction with children.

Chicago's celebration takes place at the Museum Campus at 1300 S. Lake Shore Drive, where children and adults can enjoy music, dancing family games and other activities as well as free refreshments. The celebration, which will be held from 2 to 4 pm, will feature the Radio Disney Music Patrol

from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm, an appearance by the popular PBS series character Clifford, The Big Red Dog and a special reading of the National Kids Day Pledge. For more information on

Chicago events for National Kids Day, call the Museum Campus information line at 312-409-9696 or visit [www.kidsday.net](http://www.kidsday.net).

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## Representative Lyons announces Children's Book Drive

State Representative Eileen Lyons announced she is sponsoring a children's book drive to benefit needy children.

Residents of her district can bring books for children to their village hall between now and August 9. The books will then be distributed to needy children throughout the district.

"Providing children with easy access to books is probably one of the most important things we can do to encourage the children to read and lay the foundation for a lifetime of learning, said Rep. Lyons. "I would like to urge the people of my district to put their unused books around the house to good use again."

In addition to Representative Lyons district

office, located at 1030 S. LaGrange Road, in LaGrange, books may be dropped off at the following locations between now and August 9: Bedford Park Village Hall, Bridgeview Village Hall, Brookfield Village Hall, Countryside City Hall, Forest View Village Hall, Hinsdale Village Hall, Hodgkins Village Hall, Justice Village Hall, LaGrange Village Hall, Lyons Village Hall, McCook Village Hall, Stickney Village Hall, Summit Village Hall, and Western Springs Village Hall.

For more information regarding the children's book drive, please call Representative Lyons at 708-352-7700.



## Swimmers battle waves for cancer

The 8th annual Swim Across America to benefit Loyola's Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center will be on Saturday August 4, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, at Chicago's Ohio Street Beach.

There will be a six mile relay swim at Lake Michigan to raise funds for the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center of Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood. The top individual and team swimmers will be awarded prizes following the race.

Funds raised from the event will support pilot studies by young investigators to develop new and innovative cancer treatments. Loyola's cancer center faculty are nationally noted for their expertise, achievements and innovation in such areas as the treatment of breast and lung cancers, gynecological cancers, leukemias, lymphomas, head and neck cancers, brain tumors, cancers of the liver and pancreas, and skin cancers.

To register or for more information, call 888-SWIM-USA or visit <http://swimacrossamerica.org>.



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Friday, Aug. 10 - 6 pm Vendors  
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9-10:30 pm - Blues DeVille  
Saturday, Aug. 11  
11 am-6 pm Softball Tournament  
1-10:30 pm - Food Vendors  
1-6 pm - Kid's Attractions  
1-6 pm - Miller's Petting Zoo  
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm - The Paul & Kitty Cat Show  
2:30-3:30 pm - Scoobey Walkaround  
3-4:30 pm - The Melodaires  
3:30-4:30 pm - The Striped Tiger Walkaround  
4:30 - 5:30 pm - Blu Geenie Walkaround  
5:30-7 pm - Freeze Dried

7-8:30 pm - Cirrus Falcon  
7:30 pm - Night Parade (begins at Traube & Cass, ends at Veteran's Memorial Park)  
9-10:30 pm - Kalii Sue Palmer Band  
Sunday, Aug. 12  
Noon-6 pm - Softball Tournament  
1-8 pm - Food Vendors  
1-6 pm - Kid's Attractions  
1-6 pm - Miller's Petting Zoo  
1:30-2:15 pm - The Paul & Kitty Cat Show  
2:30-3:30 pm - Pooh Bear Walkaround  
3-4 pm - Dave Rudoff  
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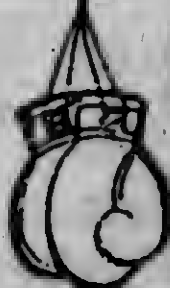
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## Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirity  
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### Recycled Pearls of Wisdom

Remember when a plate of brownies and a kiss on a scraped knee could make the world right with our children?

Over the years I've often found myself reminiscing about those simpler times; when it seemed like the promise that sweet, young babes in arms would forever be there for me to cuddle and cherish.

Universally, all mothers give birth to their children with high hopes that they will do a better job than their mothers before them. But then, somewhere along the line of trying to give our kids a healthy balance between indulgence and discipline, we experience for ourselves a world of contradiction - in terms of motherhood.

Take the following pearls of wisdom for example. After writing them down, I was left with two points to ponder. One is that, while I never intended to be like my mom, through years of walking in her shoes I am exactly like her.

I have walked the walk now I am talking the talk. The range of a mother's emotions run as deep as her love for her children. We can go from lovey-dovey one minute to complete lunatic the next (which I've been accused of, though I won't mention any names!).

Chances are, if you're a mother, you too have walked this fine line of emotional upheaval.

Out of the mouths of moms...

\*When I was your age...

\*Just wait till your my age!

\*If I had a nickel for every time you said you're sorry.

\*I have a drawer full of promises.

\*Don't tell your father.

\*Go ask your father.

\*Wait till your father gets home!

\*I'm the mom, that's why!

\*Well, I'm not everybody else's mother.

\*My heart is so full of pride I think it might burst.

\*I may not "like" you sometimes, but I will always love you.

\*You don't have to like it - just do it!

\*A kiss and hug will make everything better.

\*Trust me, I will never lie to you.

\*Always be true to yourself, for no matter what the cost, the price will be well worth it.

\*I pray I live long enough to see you become a parent.

\*You'll need me before I'll ever need you.

\*Friends will come and go but I will always be your mother.

... and finally, the one gem that seems to sum up a mother's wide range of emotions ... Someday you'll understand.

## Dear Editor

I would like to personally thank the residents of the 36th District who attended my recent town hall meetings. Since being elected in 1996, I have hosted over 15 town hall meetings throughout my district.

These meetings have given me the opportunity to review some of the important issues I have been working on in Springfield and here at home. In addition, the meetings give me the chance to meet and listen to resident's concerns, ideas, and sugges-

tions regarding state government. The input and participation I received at these meetings has been a valuable asset to help me better represent my constituents in Springfield.

I truly believe that good government occurs when more people participate in the process. With your support and involvement, I will continue to work to ensure our communities remain a safe and prosperous place to live and raise a family.

Once again, many thanks.

Sincerely

James D. Brosnahan

State Rep. -- 36th District

## Neighborhoods fight back against crime on "National Night Out"

On Tuesday, August 7, neighborhoods throughout Chicago are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the annual "National Night Out".

Residents are asked to lock their doors, turn on the outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police.

Beat 812 will drive in a caravan, starting at 7 p.m., around the local streets and stop at Hale School at 62nd and Melvina for a short memorial service of the two slain Hale students.

Everyone is invited to join in the caravan. For more information call John Kurtovich, the president of the Clearing Night Force, at 767-2122.

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## Genesis Day Spa a dream come true

by Judi Giglio

Irma Palmer is very proud of her experienced staff that helps her make Genesis Day Spa and Salon a dream come true. Irma has more than 30 years experience and loves her profession. She knows the rewards of making her clients feel good.

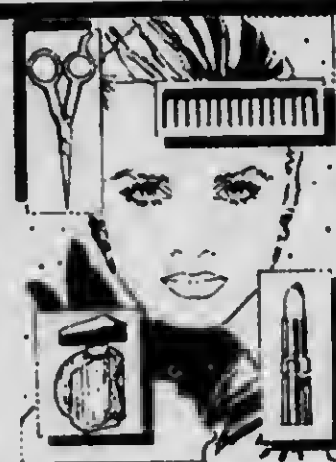
I couldn't do it without my wonderful and loyal staff, who work as a team and give their loyalty to me every day. Irma and her staff know the importance of the latest techniques. Irma also prides herself on the highly sanitized conditions on all treatments.

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# Be Ready when the Bell Rings

by Stephan Schiffman

Have you ever seen a messy fire engine? I haven't.

You hear the siren screaming. You look up. You notice a big red fire engine speeding to an emergency. As it passes, you also notice that every single piece of shining equipment on the vehicle is snapped, velcroed, bolted, or tied in its proper place.

You notice the same thing when you see a fire engine in a firehouse. Every piece of equipment is neatly slotted into place, exactly where it should be... even when people are cleaning or repairing the vehicle. Even if an item needs to be cleaned, maintained, or replaced, the vehicle somehow still manages to gleam. It's a little like James Bond - no matter how tense or chaotic things get around Bond, his tuxedo never gets wrinkled, and his hair instantly de-musses itself while we're not looking. Firefighters know something that salespeople frequently forget - namely, that there is a right place for every tool. Firefighters know that if you take the time to put the tools in their proper place before an emergency, you don't lose precious time when you have to respond to an emergency.

When the alarm bell rings and a firefighter wants to get from Point A to Point B as quickly as possible, there isn't going to be time to look around and wonder, "Gee, where is the ax? Where's the hose fitting? Where is the medical kit? Where's the equipment we are going to use to break into the building?"

All of these things have to be in the right spot ahead of time. As a result, there is a specific location where each belongs on a fire engine. What's more, the fire engine is kept at the ready, with all its attendant equipment in place, as a matter of carefully cultivated routine.

So - what is the correlation for salesperson? Well, we need a carefully cultivated preparation routine, too. Each and every day, we are called upon to put out "fires" - the problems or issues faced by our prospects or customers. We know those fires are going to arise. We know that our "emergency bell" is going to ring. (It's usually attached to the phone on our desk.) When the bell does ring, we're going to have to get in our car and drive out and help put out the fire.

To prepare for that moment, we must have the same level of commitment as the firefighter. We must prepare ahead of time, so that our tools are all in the right place, and we don't have

to waste precious time, energy, or mental focus on questions, like, "Gee, where did I leave my laptop? Where are the brochures? Where are my business cards? Where's that proposal I put together last week?"

There should be a specific place for these items (and any number of others). Your office should be as well organized as a firehouse; your briefcase should be as "ready to roll" as a fire engine.

Do you know exactly what you need to have at the ready to do your job well as a salesperson? Is there one and only one place for each of those items? Do you maintain your area, replenish supplies, and put key items in the correct spot before the alarm bell rings?

Be ready for the fire. Make

sure your notebooks, pens, business cards, samples, and other sales tools are in the right spot.

The Bottom Line: Develop and reinforce your own carefully cultivated preparation routine. As a salesperson, you use certain selling tools, each of which deserves a specific position in your office or briefcase. Maintain your workplace and accessories - with the same level of dedication, order, and precision - as a firefighter would bring to the job of putting his or her tools in order. Make sure you're ready to roll when the alarm bell rings.

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Children in preschool through eighth grade, who are Oak Lawn residents or students of Oak Lawn schools, may earn prizes by reaching their reading goals and entering weekly drawings. This year's prizes include CD cases, key chains, lunch sacks, autographed books and coupons from lo-

cal merchants.

For teens and adults, a variety of prizes will be offered in biweekly drawings. This year's grand prizes are a TGIF Plus Getaway at the Hilton Oak Lawn and a \$50 gift certificate for Palermo's Italian Cuisine in Oak Lawn.

For additional information, call 708-422-4990, or visit the library's website [www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

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## Franciscan Village Campus Picnic

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Friday, 7:30-8:30 - Cirrus Falcon  
July 20th: 9:00-Closing- Cirrus Falcon

Saturday, 9:00-Closing - Causa Perdida  
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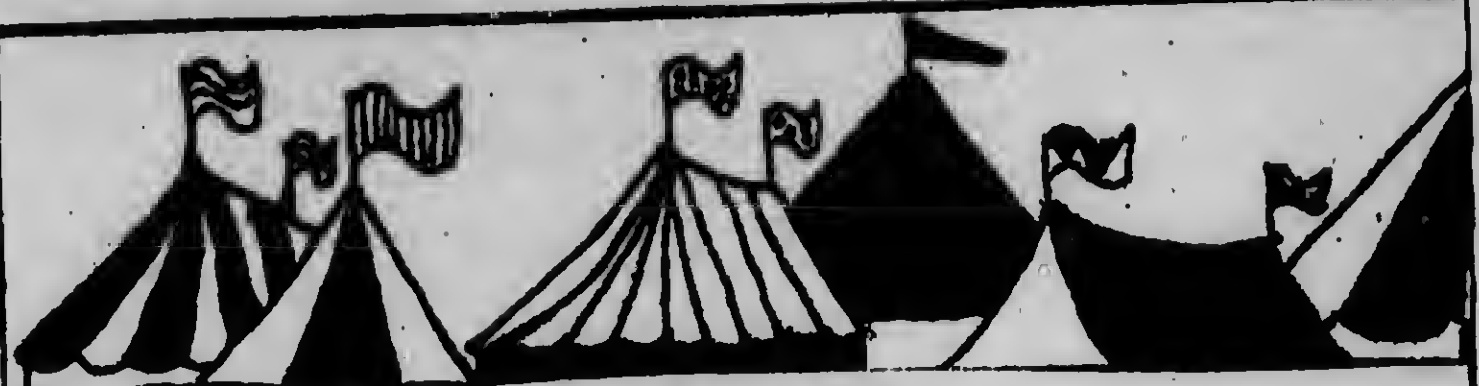
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### Pappas addresses Trinity Lutheran Club

Maria Pappas, Cook County Treasurer, was the guest speaker at the Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Seniors Club on July 5. The meeting was held in the Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt in Oak Lawn. Pappas spoke on the functions of her office and how the Cook County residents are benefited by the recent changes she has made. She graciously answered the questions proposed by the audience.

### Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau Orientation

New and prospective members of the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau are invited to attend a Bureau Orientation on Wednesday, July 25, at 8:30 am at the Bureau offices, 2304 173rd Street, Lansing.

According to Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau President/CEO Jim Garrett, the orientation is designed to give new and prospective members a quick overview of the mission, function, services and benefits of Bureau membership, and outline how tourism affects vir-

tually every sector of the Chicago Southland economy.

"Visitors to the area and those attending meetings, seminars, and sporting events affect a wide variety of businesses, from hotels and motels to restaurants, attractions, car rental agencies, service stations, and retailers," said Garrett. "It's a trickle down effect that injects dollars into the Chicago Southland economy."

The orientation lasts approximately 30-40 minutes and is followed by a question and answer period. A continental breakfast will be

served, and the entire program should be completed in approximately an hour.

New and prospective members interested in attending the free orientation to learn more about the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau are asked to confirm their attendance by Tuesday, July 24, at 708-895-8200.

### St. Fabian Phoenix Group

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group would like to invite everyone to their speaker night on August 23, 2001 and will feature Pastor Steve Troglio will speak on "Self Esteem." This meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center, 7450 W. 83rd Street, Bridgeview. Doors will open at 7:00 pm and the meeting will start at 8:00 pm. Further information can be obtained by calling Deacon Ken at 708-458-8923 or Tom and Marianne at 708-499-5377.

### Advocate Christ Medical Center seek new members

Advocate Christ Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, is currently seeking new members for its volunteer department. Volunteers are needed Sunday through Saturday, 8 am to 9 pm.

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### Radogno receives award for efforts to stop gun violence

Based on Radogno's commitment to preventing gun violence, the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence presented State Senator Christine Radogno with their 2001 Legislative Advocacy Award.

The Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence is a not for profit organization dedicated to preventing gun violence and reducing the accessibility of firearms.

Radogno received the award because of her dedication in pushing legislation allowing the Illinois State Police to run a criminal history check on an on-going basis for not less than six months on every person who has been issued a Firearm Owners Identification card. The bill passed the Senate, but was never called for a vote in the House.

Radogno also sponsored

legislation requiring gun show dealers to use the dial up telephone system when selling firearms at a gun show to check the criminal and mental health history of the prospective firearm buyer. The bill was never called for a vote in either chamber.

"We did pass legislation this spring that will help prevent felons from obtaining Firearm Owners Identification cards, but we did nothing to prevent the gun show loophole, and we were unable to pass a bill allowing the State Police to keep running criminal background checks," Radogno said. "Clearly there is still work to be done. I am honored to receive this award, but it would be better if we were talking about the success of this legislation instead of just the initiatives of one lawmaker."

## Office of Citizens' Services

The Evergreens meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Auditorium of the H.B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street, Evergreen Park.

This group is a social group, which meets "just for fun." New members are always welcome. Dues are \$3 per year. A \$1 fee per meeting is paid at the door to

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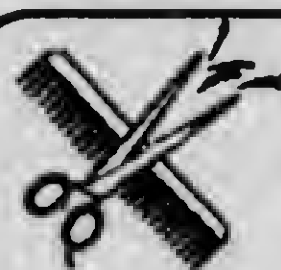
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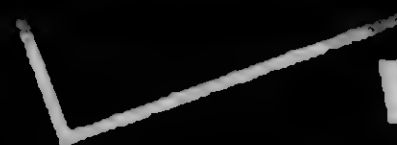
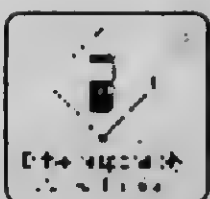
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Dr. Linehan is an associate professor and chair of the Philosophy Department at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, where she teaches courses concentrating on moral philosophy, including medical and criminal justice ethics. She is also a published writer and has presented numerous papers on moral and ethical issues including euthanasia, suicide, abortion, and most recently, the death penalty. Previously, Dr. Linehan held positions at Boston College and Spring Hill College in Alabama. She earned a Ph.D. and master's degree in Philosophy from Fordham University in New York.

Dr. Strange is a professor in the Department of Higher Education and Student Affairs at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. He is

nationally known for his expertise in the area of student affairs and services and has chaired forty six thesis and dissertations in higher education and college student personnel. Dr. Strange has also held positions at Indiana University, University of Iowa, and Mt. St. Clare College in Iowa. Dr. Strange earned a Ph.D. in Student Development/Higher Education and master's degree in College Student Personnel from the University of Iowa.

St. Xavier's Board of Trustees is comprised of twenty five men and women including alumni, Sisters of Mercy, business and civic leaders, and faculty from other Catholic institutions. The Board is charged with oversight of St. Xavier's Main Campus in Chicago and South Campus in Tinley Park.

St. Xavier welcomes Dr. Linehan and Dr. Strange and is pleased to have such well respected and learned scholars to join its Board of Trustees.

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Please join Diane O'Brien, R.N., and Julie Orbik, Elizabeth Minister, from St. Joseph Parish in Homewood, along with Diane Ostrowski, R.N., from St. Alexander Parish in Palos Heights as they discuss "Parish Nursing -- The Lived Experience of Beginning a Program." The meeting will take place at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, 2800 W. 95th Street, Cancer Center Meeting Room M-1. Please enter through main entrance of

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Ticket prices for the Christmas concert are \$16 for

adults, \$15 for seniors and \$7 for students. For all other concerts, tickets are available for three seating areas: Artist's Circle, Conductor's Circle and Mezzanine. Prices for adults are \$20, \$18, and \$16; seniors are \$19, \$17, and \$15; students are \$11, \$9 and \$7. Children under 12, accompanied by an adult are free.

Subscription Packages for multiple concerts are also available. The Children's Concerts feature a special price of \$6, with a price of \$5 for groups of 100 or more.

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## Credit union moves to Garfield-Ridge



By Rick Techman

The grand opening last week of a 36-year-old financial institution, known as the Archer Heights Credit Union, at its new Garfield-Ridge location at 6554 West Archer Avenue drew more than 200 ceremony participants. Some guests included Alderman Michael Zalewski (23), state Senator Christine Radogno (R-24), Rev. John Cassidy, associate pastor at St. Daniel Parish, and many others.

While always maintaining an Archer Avenue location, the Archer Heights Credit Union selected its new home because of its central location, expanded parking and roomier interior according to President Sallie Newton. Newton also explained for the credit union to provide a wide variety of financial services it will have tellers who speak Polish, Spanish and English.

Newton explained the move was necessary because, with its newly expanded charter, it will be able to serve the financial needs of anyone working or living in the five zip code area of 60629, 60632, 60638, 60652 and 60501 as well as previous employee groups and others already being served.

Newton explained what makes the Archer Heights Credit Union different from a bank is that, like any other credit union, it is owned and governed by the people who use it. She said members of the Board of Directors are elected from the membership of the credit union.

Newton said, "Other than the fact that our loan rates are less, our savings and CD rates are usually a little higher. At a credit union they own the credit union. Once you deposit," she added, "you're an owner. You're not a customer." She concluded, "You're an owner."

The Archer Heights Credit Union currently has more than 5000 members. It also has more than \$16 million in assets. The National

Credit Union Administration (NCUA), an agency of the federal government, insures all accounts up to \$100,000. Newton explained a full array of financial products are available at the Archer Heights Credit Union. Newton explained the credit union offers fast, friendly, confidential service with money presently available for cash loans for various expenses. Interest rates on loans are kept low.

The Archer Heights Credit Union Board of Directors includes these people: Richard Zarzycki, William Abraham, Chester Jablonski, Chris Koczwara, Jack Miller, George Pribyl, Gerald Smith, Michael Kucik, Verne Apke, Mary Glyda and Norbert Bochenek.



Congressman William O. Lipinski (D-III) walks down Archer Avenue with his wife, Rosemary Lipinski, greeting local residents along the Patriot's Day parade route

## Patriots Parade a boost to Independence Day

By Rick Techman

Numerous local business and government leaders, military organizations, civic groups, Independence Day revelers and others participated in the 30th annual Patriot's Day Parade, hosted by Congressman William O. Lipinski (D-III) and members of the 23rd Ward Democratic Organization, July 2.

More than 5000 people lined Archer Avenue from Linder to Merrimac to watch the parade as it moved west to its point of disbandment at Wentworth Park. Parade participants included fire crews with their antique and current trucks from several suburban departments and squad cars from various government

agencies. The sounds of loud sirens were heard the entire length of the parade.

At least one Chicago public high school marching band participated while a variety of music played from different floats. Color guards from veterans groups and quasi-military groups brought the meaning of Independence Day to the forefront. Other marching units also included students from a neighborhood dance studio and youth from scouting groups.

Government leaders clearly had a place in the parade which accommodated Cook County State's Attorney Dick Devine and his float and a float from Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheehan's office. Various

local officials including state Senator Robert Molaro (D-12) and Alderman Michael Zalewski (23) also marched. Congressman Lipinski walked briskly down Archer Avenue with his wife Rosemary greeting voters and taxpayers along the parade route.

The parade ended at Wentworth Park at 56th and Mobile Avenue where parade participants were treated to free hot dogs and pop as they wound down from their long walk. Volunteers, including several members of the Garfield-Ridge Civic League, served the parade participants at the park.





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## Misleading evidence can damage one's reputation

By: F.J. Soczek

Worth Village officials have been keeping exceptionally busy as of late in their quest for a new police chief, following the recent resignation of Frank Gilbert.

The Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees met in a closed door executive session Monday to

### League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland

It's not true that nobody cares about Campaign Finance Reform. The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland strongly supports the Shays-Meehan campaign finance reform bill which will soon be voted on by the U.S. House of Representatives. This is a strong, bipartisan bill that will stop corporations, unions and wealthy individuals from giving unlimited amounts of money to candidates' campaigns and the political parties.

The voices of citizens should be heard in Washington, DC. Too often, however, special interest contributors have the access and influence to overwhelm the voices of citizens. From health care reform to energy and environmental policy, special interests have too big a role. We need the Shays-Meehan bill to help fix this problem.

President Bush says he will sign campaign finance reform into law if Congress passes it. The League of Women Voters has members in thirteen communities in south suburban Cook and Will Counties. We call on our Representatives Bobby Rush, William O. Lipinski, Jerry Weller, and Judy Biggert to vote for real campaign finance reform and support the Shays-Meehan Bill.

interview a handful of prospective candidates for the top post.

It appears, however, that additional follow-up interviews will be needed due to the truncated time constraints inherent in the initial conference.

Each candidate had less than a half hour to answer questions by the Mayor and Board members, and discuss their personal qualifications.

One candidate in particular is currently being "judged" in the court of public opinion as a result of numerous, extremely damaging articles published in a local newspaper.

Cook County Sheriff's Police Sergeant James T. Houlihan, a 31 year veteran of the department, is Mayor Ed Guzdziol's primary choice for the position.

Guздziol noted he has known Houlihan for over 30 years and consequently is prepared to vouch for the integrity of his selection.

Guздziol does not appear to be one to diverge from the literal meaning of his political party's namesake, or the values promised only a few short months ago.

Candidate Houlihan has been vilified as a key player in a particularly disturbing miscarriage of justice popularly known as the Ford Heights Four case.

Local press headlines screamed "Sheriff's Officer Led Probe in Ford Heights Four Case," describing Houlihan as a lead investigator in a capitol murder case ultimately reversed.

Perhaps the words of renowned defense attorney F. Lee Bailey best describe the present situation: "What makes you think truth has any relevance (in

determining) guilt or innocence?"

When Sheriff's Officer Houlihan was assigned to the murder case, he was acting in the capacity of an assistant to the formal police investigator.

Houlihan interviewed and took the statement of seventeen year old Paula Gray, a key witness against the accused. During the questioning, Gray's mother was also present.

The same statement as recorded by Houlihan was given to the prosecuting attorney for approval. Or rejection.

The burden then shifted to the latter officer of the court to determine if further investigation was warranted.

Investigative reporter Robert Warden, who along with Northwestern University Professor David Protess ultimately broke the case, conceded "The key witness (Gray) was extremely believable..."

As did the team of prosecuting attorneys.

Additionally, same testimony was given to two grand juries, as well as two criminal trial juries.

Approximately twenty years later, the crucial witness changed her mind.

Paula Gray was convicted of perjury and subsequently did what has sadly become accepted practice in the field of American jurisprudence: She sued the individual she gave the perjured statement to, James Houlihan.

Particularly ironic is the fact one of the key pieces of evidence responsible for the release of the falsely accused men was a handwritten note by one of the prosecuting attorneys apparently clearing one of the men ultimately

sentenced to die.

The attorney escaped the civil lawsuit due to a quirk in the legal system which provides immunity from liability to prosecutors, even in cases of gross injustice.

By law, the defense counsel must be given all evidence, favorable or not. Unfortunately for Officer Houlihan, he did not learn of the later information until he himself was accused almost two decades later.

For Houlihan, a dark cloud of doubt continues to linger. He was involved. He must be guilty.

Dozens of unsuspecting, otherwise conscientious citizens were cruelly deceived by false accusations; innocent individuals needlessly endured untold anguish.

Hopefully, for the sake of Sgt. Houlihan, such will not occur again.

### Queen of Peace High School

#### Golf Classic

Queen of Peace High School will host its 9th Annual Golf Classic Monday, August 6, at Broken Arrow Golf Club, in Lockport.

This year's new format offers golfers the option to choose 9 or 18 holes of golf. Eighteen holes of golf with barbecue are \$75; golf only \$65. Nine holes of golf with barbecue are \$65; golf only \$45. Barbecue only is \$25. All rounds include a cart and bag pickup.

Starts at 11:00 am for 18 holes and 1:30 pm for 9 holes. The barbecue begins at 5:00 pm. Carol Rhoades, LPGA/PGA professional of Golf Galaxy, will conduct a Mini Golf Clinic at 10:00 am.

For more information or to make a reservation for the golf outing, call Sue Domagalski at 708-458-7600, ext. 253, or write



### Hamlet the Musical and Other Great Exploitations

Hamlet (Mick Napier) is seduced by his mother, Queen Gertrude (Alexandra Billings) during the musical number Mama's a Boy's Best Friend in The Second City's Hamlet The Musical and Other Great Exploitations.

### Hamlet The Musical is back by popular demand

Back by popular demand, The Second City brings the hilarious production of Hamlet! The Musical and Other Great Exploitations to the intimate theater Upstairs at Chicago Shakespeare.

domagals@queenofpeacehs.org. The event is for women only. The golf club is located at 16325 W. Broken Arrow Dr.

Proceeds from the golf classic support the Queen of Peace Alumnae Scholarship Fund.

#### Class Reunions

Queen of Peace High School will host class reunions this summer and fall for alumnae celebrating anniversaries of their high school graduation.

The Class of 1996 will celebrate Saturday, August 18, from 1-4 pm at Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th Street in Chicago.

The following classes will celebrate their reunions at Queen of Peace:

Performances run now through August 19: Thursdays at 7:30 pm, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and special late night performances at 10:00 pm, and Sundays at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$25. The performances are at Navy Pier's Summer Stage.

For more information and to purchase tickets please call the Chicago Shakespeare Theater Box Office at 312-595-5600.

Class of 1991, Aug. 18  
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Class of 1981, Sept. 15  
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## Bridgeview Board of Trustees Meeting

by Jude Coyle

On July 18, the Village Board of Trustees voted to reduce the number of Board Meetings from three a month to two. Meetings are scheduled for the first and third Wednesday of each month. Mayor Landek said that this would eliminate five minute board meetings.

The 2001-02 budget was presented to the Board for approval. According to Trustee Piteck, "This budget is similar to last year's, with the exception of a \$104,000 decrease." That is 3% of last year's budget. Mayor Landek congratulated the diligence of the Village's employees for their efforts. He pointed out the budget includes pay raises, and continues to assume the full cost of employee health insurance. The total budget comes to \$33,000,000. The Board approved it.

New business licenses were approved for the following:

Southwest Masonry, Inc., 8532 S. Oketo; Sibah Wholesale Cigars, 9301 S. Thomas; and Sanchez Maintenance, 8915 S. Oketo.

Ordinance #01-24 establishes maintenance codes for rental housing. Ordinance #01-25 establishes the positions of Housing Inspector and Director of Information Technology. The intention of

both ordinances is to create a system to inspect apartment buildings annually, and to hire the people to do it. Ken Young Smith will take the position of Director of Information Technology. Dale Aston will become Housing Inspector. Both ordinances passed.

Trustee Pinion read a letter from Christopher Kurtz of Boy Scout Troop #2030. This troop will represent the Des Plaines Council at this year's National Jamboree. Each troop attending has been instructed to create an archway or gateway showing where the troop lives. Troop #2030 wanted to include Bridgeview Village flag on their arch. Trustee Pinion asked the Board to donate a flag. That was agreed.

State Senator Christine Radogno and Representative Anne Zickus addressed the Board concerning a letter Mayor Landek wrote to residents of Odell Avenue, the Mosque Foundation, and the Universal School. In the letter Mayor Landek congratulated Village officials for their hard work in securing a matching fund grant from Cook County. "At no cost to the taxpayer," the County will provide \$89,000 and the Village would provide \$89,000. According to Mayor Landek's letter, the

Village has not taken money from Senator Radogno or Representative Zickus in more than two years.

According to Representative Zickus and Senator Radogno, they, Mayor Landek and Representative Lyons met in May '99 concerning a State grant for \$2,400,000. This money was originally designated for the Bridgeview Natatorium, or swimming pool. Together they worked to redesignate the grant into the "Rebuild Bridgeview" project. Road work needed to be done on Oketo, Odell, Octavia and 91st Street. Representative Zickus and Senator Radogno continued to work on securing further grants.

Governor Ryan signed a release for \$2.4 million. The Village was paid \$1,080,000 leaving a balance of \$1,320,000. Mayor Landek needed to submit the proper documentation for release of the balance. According to a letter from the Capital Development Board, the Village had not applied for the balance.

Representative Zickus and Senator Radogno both commented that they were fine with the idea that Mayor Landek sought County help rather than use what they helped to secure. What bothered them was the tone of the

letter. They felt that Mayor Landek's remarks that the Village had not received help from either Senator Radogno or Representative Zickus in over two years represented partisan politics. Although both are members of the Republican party, they have worked hard for their constituency no matter what party affiliations were. Mayor Landek is the Township Democratic Committeeman.

Representative Zickus and Senator Radogno asked Mayor Landek to send another letter to the same residents that received the first. The letter should say that the Senator and Representative were instrumental in securing a grant in the amount of \$2,400,000. That the Village had used \$1.08 million, and that \$1.32 million is still available.

Mayor Landek listened to their remarks. He refused their request, stating, "I stand by my letter."

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## Brosnahan finishes up another round of town hall meetings

State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) recently finished his 5th consecutive year of town hall meetings throughout his legislative district. These meetings have given Rep. Brosnahan an opportunity to review some of the important issues he has been working on in Springfield and here at home. The meetings also give Rep. Brosnahan a chance to meet and listen to resident's concerns, ideas and suggestions regarding state government.



Pictured is Brosnahan as he speaks to some of his constituents at the meeting.

## Water Restrictions

Village of Oak Lawn

Residents with odd numbered addresses may sprinkle on odd numbered calendar days, and residents with even numbered addresses may sprinkle on even numbered days. The time restrictions allow sprinkling from 8:00 am to 11:00 am and from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm. All residents are encouraged to strictly adhere to these regulations.

If you have questions concerning water regulations, please contact the Village Hall at 708-636-4400.

## Oak Lawn Chamber Luncheon

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will meet for their next monthly luncheon Tuesday, August 14 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Avenue. The social hour is at 11:30 am and the luncheon is served at noon.

The featured speaker will be Arine Bartolotta R.N. of Little Company of Mary Hospital presenting a talk on stress management. For reservations, call 708-424-8300.

## Sales Taxes help O. L. thrive

by Jude Coyle

"There are two small industrial areas in Oak Lawn," Village Manager Joe Faber explained. "That doesn't provide us much income." That also makes Oak Lawn unusual on several fronts.

Most municipalities court new manufacturing or assembly firms with the offer of property tax breaks. TIF Districts, special service areas and 3E Zoning allows the community to encourage those new concerns and to build, rebuild, or improve neglected areas.

Most cities or villages charge utility taxes. That is an extra 1/4 or 1/2 penny charged to the customer for each thermal unit or electrical unit used. Commonwealth Edison, NI gas or Ameritech collects that tax and returns it to the municipality.

A small factory or plant will use much more electric, gas or phone service than the average household, and that adds up.

Oak Lawn is unusual as it does not collect utility taxes. "Oak Lawn is a sales tax community," Manager Faber explained. "Over a third of our revenues comes from sales tax, where less than one quarter comes from property taxes."

This Village enjoys a

sprawling retail community. Stores, restaurants, and other businesses line 111th, 95th, 89th, Pulaski, Cicero, Central, Ridgeland and South-west Highway.

Oak Lawn is a home rule community. Because the Village is home to more than 25,000 residents, the Oak Lawn Village Board can establish a higher sales tax. (According to the last census, 56,000 residents live there.)

The Board decided on an 8% sales tax, which 1/4% higher than non home rule communities of Cook County. That adds up.

Sales tax is deposited with property taxes. State income taxes, licenses, permits and fees, into the general corporate fund. That fund, which is estimated to earn \$32,115,164 this year, represents a little less than half of Oak Lawn's income. Operating expenses and salaries for the Administration, Police, Fire and Public Works are paid out of the general corporate fund.

According to this year's budget sales tax is expected to generate \$11,235,000. That extra 1/4% makes up \$1.75 million of that amount. That's enough to pay the operating expenses involved in running one small department, or even enough to repave several roads, or purchase several large vehicles.



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## Pauline Harty brings Irish cuisine to Oak Lawn

by Jude Coyle

"People enjoying a meal that I've cooked, is a lot more gratifying than anything else I could do," said Pauline Harty. Pauline owns the Harty Country Kitchen at 5259 W. 95th Street in Oak Lawn. "We share the same four walls with the Goalpost Lounge. The bar is on the left hand side and the restaurant is on the right. We stick to traditional Irish cuisine with an American twist." Pauline Harty knows Irish cuisine.

She was born and raised in A Rinn Dungarvan, County Waterford. An Rinn, pronounced with a long i, is to Dungarvan like Oak Lawn is to Chicago.

Pauline said that the word dun is Gaelic for fort. And indeed a well preserved Normand castle overlooks her town. When she was a child, the castle served as the home of the Irish Gardai, which is the Irish Police. Since then, the castle has been restored to its original state and designated a national landmark.

Pauline speaks of her family with great affection. "My mother," she said, "is an excellent woman." Pauline is one of nine children. She lost her father when she was fourteen. In spite of that, and poor health, Mom made sure all nine attended college.

### St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Parish celebrates the Feast of Assumption

For more than 200 years the Croatian people have maintained a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Starting on August 6, 2001, at 7:00 pm parishioners and guests are invited to attend a novena will last for 9 days.

The culmination of the novena is on Wednesday, August 15. St. Jerome Croatian Parish will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary (Velika Gospa). The parishioners, families, friends and local civic leaders have been participating in this celebration for the past 89 years. The feast has grown into one of Chicago's largest Marian celebrations.

The festivities begin at 10:00 am with a religious procession which kicks off at the corner of 28th Place and Princeton. The procession winds it way through the Bridgeport/Armour Square Community. Participants in-

clude business and civic leaders, visiting clergy, St. Jerome Post 595 and Auxiliary, church and religious organizations, several marching bands, many colorful floats, and devotees of Our Lady.

Waterford is a Gaelic speaking county. Pauline said she had never encountered English until entering secondary school.

Pauline is a fully trained chef, and is capable of handling anything from pastry to fine dining. She began her training in Ireland, continued at a college located in Birmingham, England, and has had field training throughout Europe.

Part of her field training brought her to the United States. She accepted a six month contract to work as a private chef for a family in Burr Ridge. When she had completed her contract, she planned a six month stay in Switzerland where she would continue her field training. Her family in Burr Ridge offered her another six month contract.

Instead Pauline took a position at a country club. She became a "sous" chef. The sous chef, Pauline explained, is second in command in a kitchen. The head chef supervises the preparations, where the sous chef does the actual cooking. She stayed there for a year.

From there, she began to freelance in Downtown, Chicago. The owners of the Goalpost Lounge approached her about bringing

food into their establishment. She thought the idea was interesting, and decided to become involved.

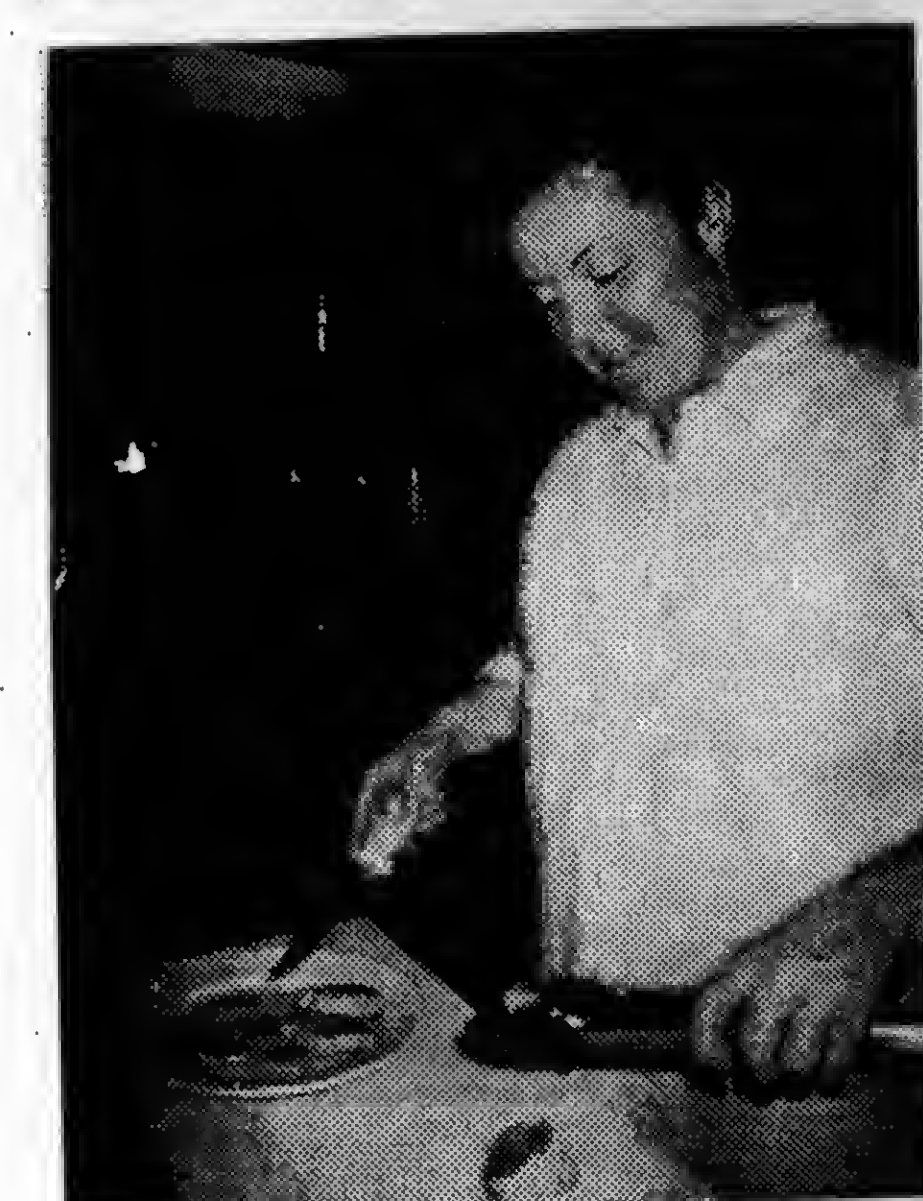
Pauline has been in America now for eight years. I asked her about similarities between the United States and Ireland. "I never wanted for anything in Ireland," she said, "And I never wanted for anything here." She paused.

I asked her about her likes and dislikes. To Pauline, family

is everything. She had a hard time leaving loved ones behind. During her third year here, a sister arrived. Another arrived a year later, and a brother arrived last year.

Pauline loves her work. She said, "I love the independence, I love being my own boss, and I love people."

I asked what she would recommend if I came in tomorrow night. "One of our Friday night specials," Pauline said, "is traditional boiling bacon." It is an Irish dish that is similar to Canadian bacon, and is served with a cream sauce, cabbage and mashed potatoes.



## Daley College opens Fall Registration

With early registration already in progress, registration hours for the fall semester at Daley College will be extended from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, beginning August 20th, with hours 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, August 24 and 25. Faculty and counselors will be available during this period to provide advisement on student programs. The class schedule includes hundreds of college credit classes in baccalaureate transfer and career programs leading to Associate degrees.

Daley College offers classes in forty subject areas, with an emphasis on programs that transfer to four year colleges and universities. The college is especially well known in science, mathematics, engineering, and technology. The Department of Mathematics was nationally recognized in 1999 for inno-

vative instruction by the National Council of Instructional Administrators. Two other programs -- political science and Spanish -- won awards last spring, for the second year in a row.

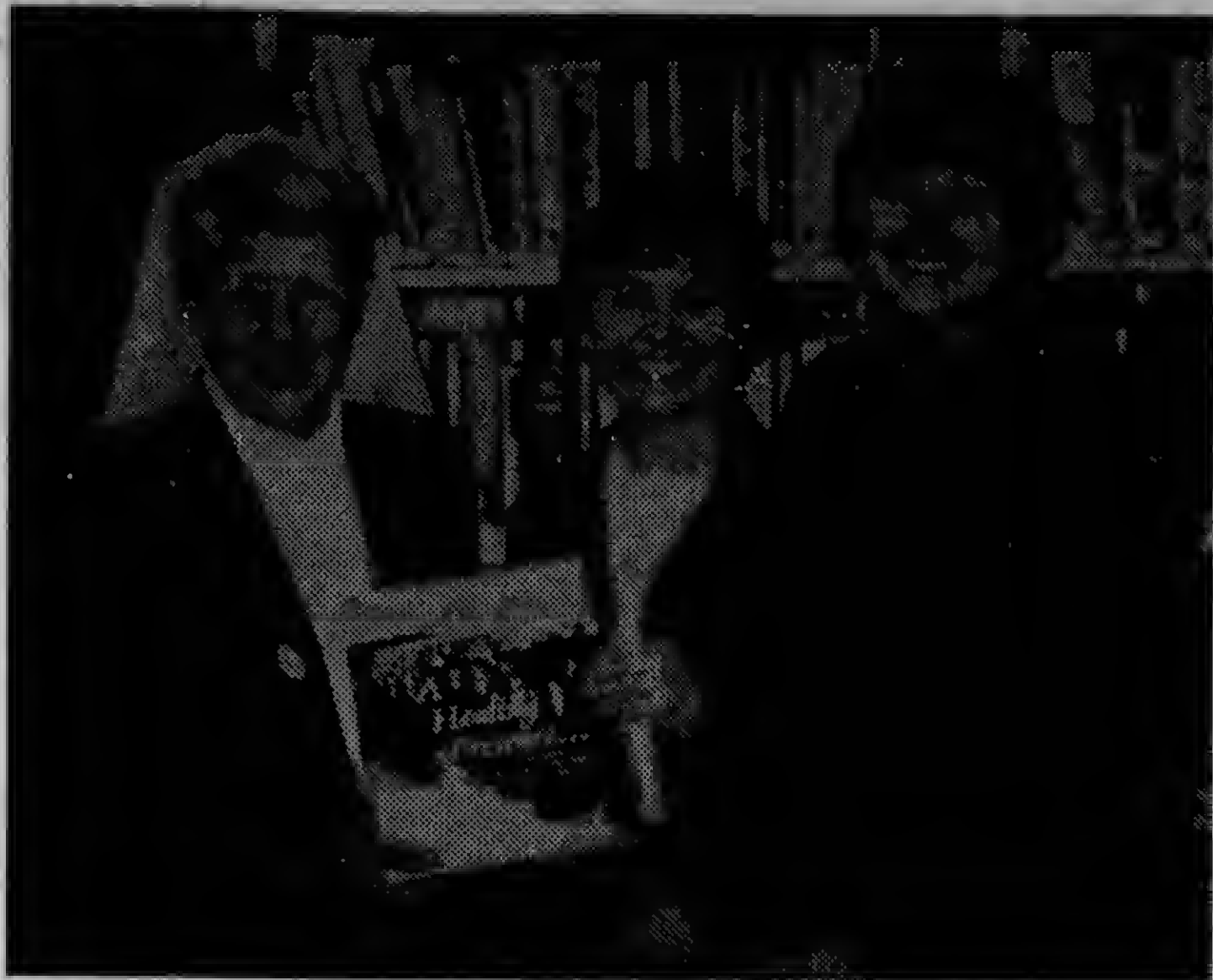
The Computer Information Systems Department (CIS) is offering thirty five sections of thirteen courses including introductory courses, productivity applications, and network technologies and systems. A new feature will be the Cisco Academy, and opportunity for students to become certified in working with Cisco internet systems, either in a two year or an accelerated nine month program.

Early registration is in progress, 9:00 am to 6:30 pm, Monday through Thursday, and 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Fridays. Early registration is open to all, including new students who have taken the college placement examination, which is offered daily during the week. For information, call 773-838-7500 or 773-838-7986.



## Little Company donates Hospital History Books to Local Libraries


Employees at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers presented many local libraries with copies of *A Healing Presence, The Story of Little Company of Mary Hospital's Journey of Unconditional Love*. The book tells the story of Sisters of the Little Company of Mary coming to America and beginning their 70 year history Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers in Evergreen Park. The book can be purchased for \$25 at Borders in Beverly and in the Hospital Gift Shop or by calling the Little Company Foundation at 708-229-5067. From left to right are Sister Margaret Christina Hoban, L.C.M., Vice President/Community Services; Nicolette Seidl, Director of the Evergreen Park Public Library and Mary Jo May, Executive Director of the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation Services.



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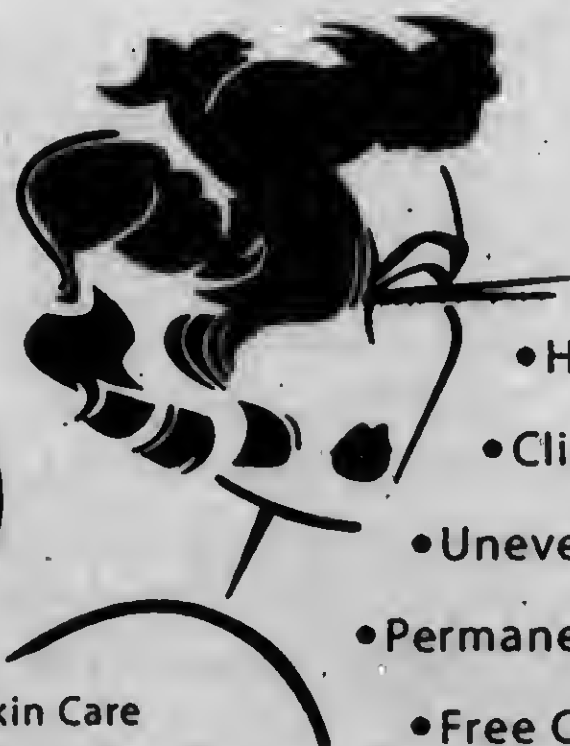
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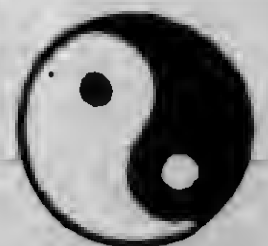
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# A letter to Robert Stewart Dear Editor

By: F.J. Soczek

Hello Bob:

*We stopped by for a visit at your new home...Sorry we missed you...hope you are doing well...*

Things have not changed very much on your old block. The seemingly endless procession of cars that once made their pilgrimage of curiosity past your home has all but ceased.

Occasionally, a solitary vehicle will pause briefly on 110th Street and slowly pass on.

This is where the house once stood.

An eerie quiet prevails on the same plot of ground where, almost a year ago, a carnival atmosphere caught the fleeting attention of network camera crews and exquisitely coiffured news anchors.

*The chair in your front yard is gone. Wondrous conversations about your "dream home," and your plans for the future are but melancholy memories.*

The ugly cyclone fence still remains, in a state of benign neglect, along with the officious Court Order-No Trespassing signs.

*I remember the day the police placed the lock on your front door. And how you shivered in the cold, trying to keep warm inside the little white jeep.*

*I recall grasping the tiny black kitten from her hiding place deep within the building foundation.*

*The scratches on my hand have finally healed...*

*And I'll never forget how you quietly remained in a silent vigil outside the government-sanctioned barrier to your liberty and your own unique pursuit of happiness.*

The good attorneys argued, "The school children are in imminent danger and must be protected."

And so they were.

Yet, the fence remains. Protecting the neighborhood youth from the ravages of ragweed.

Apparently, your "neighbors" are content living with the weed-choked eyesore...or perhaps the otherwise judicious Village officials haven't seemed to notice something just isn't right...

The ever-vigilant protectors of societal decorum, Messrs. Odelson

& Sterk, et al, saw fit to include rental fees for the cyclone fence in their meticulously itemized billing...duly tendered in a court of law bearing the great seal of the State of Illinois.

*Perhaps the Village attorneys will petition the Court for an amended billing to pay for the additional year's rental cost to the hapless taxpayers.*

Perhaps.

Unfortunately, Odelson & Sterk will no longer officially safeguard the interests of Worth citizens at their self-proclaimed, bargain rate of only \$115.00 per hour.

Seems they took their cash and want little to do with the court-ordered judicial review of their legal "billing."

A representative from Odelson & Sterk told the judge they were "busy" with other more pressing matters...

*And the sactimonious Mayor has moved on to other endeavors.*

Along with the Village Clerk.

And the Building Commissioner.

And the Chief of Police.

And the recent activity of one Village trustee seems hardly an appropriate topic for public discussion.

Indeed.

Certain things have changed in the aftermath of your decade-long bureaucratic nightmare.

*Municipal building codes, which for years ensured the collective safety (and job security) within the Village, have been significantly*

*revised...*

The very same codes which once enriched the Village coffers, not to mention the pocketbooks of fortunate, politically connected legal counsel.

*Meanwhile, the ultimate fate of your property continues to be discussed by Village officials...behind closed doors.*

*Your house is gone. Along with your structurally sound garage and countless personal belongings...*

Several new faces will ponder your awkward legacy and try their best to restore, with a semblance of objectivity and dignity, the justice you so richly deserve.

*We hope for your sake, and for that of all the decent people of Worth, they will not, again, let you down...*

*Until we meet again, we bid you Peace.*

*And all that is good...*

Dear Editor

Do you believe it? Summer is almost over and another school year is soon to start. We have a new president. Will he and his administration be able to raise the standards of the educational process? I hope so. "Only the educated are free." Epictetus Education is so important for the success of our nation but to some it does not seem to matter. Why?

Food for thought -- "Education does not mean teaching people what they do not know. It means teaching them to behave as they do not

A letter was recently circulated by the Mayor of Bridgeview regarding street improvements in the area of Oketo, Odell, Octavia and 93rd Street. That letter contained inaccurate statements about our involvement in the project.

We feel it is important that you know that we were instrumental in obtaining \$2,400,00 for the Village of Bridgeview for its important project and that \$1,320,000 of those funds remain available to the Village.

What actually occurred is: May 10, 1999 - We met with Mayor Landek to discuss the re-designation of the \$2,400,000 grant we secured for the Bridgeview Natatorium to a "Rebuild Bridgeview Program."

We told the Mayor the street resurfacing project for Oketo, Odell, Octavia and 93rd Street was a priority issue with us and with residents of the area. We asked for this commitment that this project would be included in the improvement project. He assured us, he gave us his word, that this street project would be included in the new infrastructure grant program.

February 28, 2000 - The state funds were re-designated for the "Rebuild Bridgeview Program." Governor Ryan signed the release

of \$2,400,000 for a grant to the Village of Bridgeview for all costs associated with infrastructure improvements. On March 21, 2000, \$1,080,000 was paid to the Village of Bridgeview, leaving \$1,320,000 still available to complete this project.

July 2, 2001 - The attached letter from the Illinois Capital Development Board (CDB) states: "To date, according to CDB staff, the Village has not submitted their documentation to receive this second installment."

With \$1,320,000 still available to the Village of Bridgeview for infrastructure improvements, and with Mayor Landek's word that Odell, Oketo, Octavia and 93rd Street would be included in the project, we were very surprised to learn that he sent a letter to local residents regarding the street improvements stating:

"We did not receive any money from Representative Zickus or Senator Radogno. The last time State Representative Zickus or State Senator Radogno provided money for a street in your area was over two years ago. At that time your Village Board made sure that money was spent immediately. That is how 93rd and Oketo was paved."

These comments in Mayor

Landek's letter are patently false! Furthermore, the Village of Bridgeview has not requested any state grant assistance from us for street improvements since 1999. You should also know that the following state funds were allocated to the Village of Bridgeview in 2001:

\$10,000 for the purchase of a Brush Buggy and \$85,000 for police bikes and a backhoe, in addition to a \$30,000 grant to the Bridgeview Library.

We hope this information sets the record straight. We have always put partisan politics aside to work for the best interest of our constituents and the communities we represent. It is truly unfortunate that Mayor Landek, who also serves as the Lyons Township Democrat Committeeman, appears to be driven more by party politics than the best interest of his Village.

Anne Zickus

Christine Radogno

sage if we act respectfully and responsibly. Let us add these words to our vocabulary and to our actions -- patience, kindness, love and obedience.

I trust in God to keep all of our children safe this school year. To all of the students in schools everywhere my message to you is that you are loved and wished a happy, healthy, and successful 2001-02 school year! Seize the opportunity to be the best you can be. God Bless you, your family, your friends and your teachers! You're the best!

Marlene Jeziorski  
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 1-8 pm - Food Vendors  
 1-6 pm - Kid's Attractions  
 1-6 pm - Miller's Petting Zoo  
 1:30-2:15 pm - The Paul & Kitty Cat Show  
 2:30-3:30 pm - Pooh Bear Walkaround  
 3-4 pm - Dave Rudoff  
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## Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirity  
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### The Wet and Soggy Vacation

Wisconsin Dells was the destination of choice. My husband Bill and I both agreed -- we needed to take a few days to re-energize our drooping spirits due to the overwhelming stress of parental overload.

We needed a break both from constantly dealing with over stuffed hampers and empty refrigerators, while daughters who tout their independence whine, "There's never anything to eat and no clean clothes to wear!"

For four glorious days we would enjoy the peace and quiet of no phones ringing off the wall, and the serenity of sleeping through night without being startled awake by the late night hours young adults keep. We went over the last minute instructions as our youngest daughter rolled her eyes and groaned, "Geez mom, I'm in college now and quite capable of being on my own." With that being said, I continued to stress the basics -- lock the doors at night, let the dogs out after you feed them, and make sure the windows are CLOSED when you put the air on. (You've got to be specific when you're dealing with teenagers.)

And then we were off. A stack of our favorite CD's, from Barry Manilow to Bruce Springsteen, to serenade us on the long car ride as we headed toward the Midwest's most popular tourist trap.

We hadn't been to the Dells since 1993, when we vowed never to vacation there again. The reason? RAIN - RAIN - and more RAIN!

Our very first, family planned, excursion we had high hopes of a fun in the sun family adventure that quickly became water-logged, and not from the joy of Noah's Ark water park, I might add. Our vacation cash was spent on sweatshirts and rain gear. That year we saw every possible inside attraction there was to see, not to mention the small fortune we paid for photographs depicting us as a family from the wild west west days.

The next year was much of the same. We pulled up to the hotel in what seemed to be a raging monsoon. It rained continually for the five days we were there. At least this time we

packed a few sweatshirts, just in case.

By vacation '93, you think we would have learned our lesson. Instead we packed up the van and headed right into a blinding rain storm that started up just as we passed the sign welcoming us to Wisconsin.

When the opportunity to plan a vacation came around, you didn't have to hit us over the head with a wet umbrella. The four of us hopped on a plane to sunny Florida and were never disappointed -- not one tiny drizzle.

So here we were, seven years later rationalizing that, if we were superstitious people, our bad luck would have run its course. Oh, were we WRONG! No sooner had we read the sign for Madison, Wisconsin when the torrential rains began, pouring down so hard and fast I wondered if we'd ever see land again -- or at least the car in front of us. It was at dinner that night that the possibility crossed our mind that Wisconsin and sunny skies are not part of our vocabulary. "Do you ever see sunshine?" I jokingly asked the waiter about to take my order. "Actually," he said seriously, "it hasn't rained here in over 3 weeks and we could really use it."

So, that's the way our long weekend, away from home, went. Wisconsin got their much needed rain and Bill and I didn't really mind the damp weather. At this point in our lives it doesn't seem that appealing to loll around a water park in our bathing suits anyway.

That Saturday night we discovered a new attraction recently opened near the Dells. A casino with enough pizzazz to dazzle our virgin eyes, as this was our first time to ever be seduced by the allure of slot machines.

Bill enjoyed his Saturday night adventures at the casino so much, in fact, that as the sun forced its way through the gray clouds on Sunday afternoon, and I suggested a 3 hour leisurely boat ride, I could have sworn I heard him muttering -- "Where's the rain when you really need it?!"

As for our next mini get away? My bet would be a nice long weekend in Vegas!

## Police Sergeant lifts a weight off his shoulders

Sgt. Philip Contreras of the Blue Island Police Department Community Policing Unit, set a world record by bench pressing 385.8 lbs, without weight lifting accessories, at the 2001 World Police and Fire Games held June 8-16 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The category Phil won in is Bench Press/Men-Master (A) -- over 125K -- ages 40-44. Contestants in this new category are not allowed to wear weight lifting accessories such as weight skirt, weight belt or wrist wraps.

The 2001 World Police and Fire Games began in 1985 and are held every two years in various locations around the world. According to the World Police and Fire Games Federation, the Games were designed to promote

and recognize physical fitness and global police and fire communities. The commitment of police officers and fire fighters to achieve peak physical conditioning helps better prepare them to serve the public. The Games also serve the community by strengthening the relationship between police officers and fire fighters. Past games were held in Melbourne, Australia; Calgary, Alberta, Canada; and Stockholm, Sweden. This year over 8,500 fire fighters and police officers from 53 countries participated.

Blue Island Police Chief, Joseph Kosman said, "We are very proud of Sgt. Contreras's accomplishment at the World Games and his representation of our Department."



Pictured is Sgt. Willie McLaughlin with his dog, Moses.

## Canine Demonstration

### Forest Preserve Canine Demonstration

General Superintendent, Joseph Nevius, of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, announced that a Police Officer from the Canine Division, will put on a demonstration for the Garden

Seniors, Friday, August 10 at 1:00 pm at First Methodist Church, 100 S. Central Avenue, Oak Lawn.

Blanch Gerard, coordinator, announced the officer will explain why and what the dogs are trained for, how obedience is taught and other interesting aspects. The usual dogs of choice are German Shepherds and Rotweilers.

## Vehicle sticker deadline

Oak Lawn 2001-2002 vehicle stickers must be affixed to the windshields of vehicles by midnight August 15, 2001. Vehicle stickers are sold daily, Monday through

Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm in the Municipal Center at 9446 Raymond Avenue.

The Finance Department will be open on Saturday, August 11 from 9:00 am to 12 noon, and Tuesday, August 14 until 8:00 pm for the convenience of the residents who cannot purchase their vehicle stickers during the

week. A \$10.00 penalty will be in effect on Thursday, August 16. For more information, call 708-499-7738.

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## Our Lady of Fatima's Golf Outing

Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus Council 3582 is sponsoring a Golf Outing on Saturday, August 25, 2001 at the Oak Lawn Park District Stoney Creek Golf Course, 5860 West 103rd Street, Oak Lawn.

The golf outing will be a shotgun start at 7:00 am. It will feature a \$20,000 "Hole in One." The cost is \$75.00 per person, which includes golf cart and a light lunch. A barrel of beer will follow the event at the new Clubhouse.

Contact Mr. Thomas Stanton for reservations 708-422-5800 or 708-626-7163. All proceeds go the Rev. Thomas Van Thienan O.S.A. Pro-Life Monument, which will honor our late chaplain Father Van of forty years. All donations to the fund honoring Father Van will be accepted. The monument will be erected for all aborted children since the Roe vs. Wade decision of January 23, 1963.

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# School News



## St. Rita High School prepares for Freshman Orientation Day

As another school year approaches, the faculty and staff of St. Rita High School, 7740 S. Western Avenue in Chicago, prepare themselves for the welcoming of over eight hundred and fifty young men who will be filling the halls come Monday, August 27th.

Among these young men will be approximately 268 incoming freshmen. In order to make the transition from grade school to high school a smooth one, a special day of orientation will be held on Friday, August 24. "First impressions are important, and our incoming freshmen need to understand that St. Rita is now *their* school," comments Rev. Thomas McCarthy, O.S.A. '83, President of St. Rita High School. "We are here to make the following four years enjoyable, educational, and memorable as possible for these young men."

The orientation will begin with a welcoming address by St. Rita Administrators and an explanation of orientation procedures. Students will be then be split into groups led by a Faculty member and upperclassman. Schedules, book lists, lunch program information, and student handbooks will then be handed out and explained.

"This is a good time for students to become acquainted with St. Rita faculty, staff, and students," said Joseph Bamberger, Principal of St. Rita. "The orientation helps relieve the pressure that comes along with the first day at a new school."

Students will also be making tours of the St. Rita campus, taking student identification photos and learn about and sign up for extracurricular activities. "There are so many programs and activities students can become involved at St. Rita," said Br. Jack Hibbard, O.S.A., Activities Director. "We strongly encourage participation in extracurricular activities as it adds much to the overall high school experience."

Freshmen will be treated to a Mustang barbecue lunch after viewing a video designed to help freshmen understand the changes taking place in their lives. When all business is finished, the students will enjoy some time in the swimming pool and gymnasium, to wind down and get acquainted with new classmates.

For more information about St. Rita High School Freshman Orientation Day, please call 773-925-RITA.

## Hosting international students opens doors for hosts as well

When Ruth Harris opened her door to a German student attending classes at Moraine Valley Community College it was her intention to provide a nurturing and safe environment for a young woman attending school in a foreign country.

As it turns out though Harris found herself on the receiving end of hospitality when the German family welcomed her into their home near the Black Forest in Germany.

Harris, of Palos Hills, took interest in the college's call for participation in the Host Home Program. Carolla Meier lived with Harris and her husband, Christ Harris, from August 1998 to July 1999. Meier, 20, had her own room, meals at the kitchen table, and an introduction to

the Chicagoland area. It was a positive experience for everyone involved.

Meier's family was so pleased with the Harris' hospitality that they invited Ruth Harris to the family home in Deisslingen. "I couldn't have paid for a trip like this. It gave me the sort of insights and feel of a place that tours don't provide," she said of her five week stay that included short trips to Italy, Switzerland, and Paris.

If you are interested in hosting an international student, Moraine Valley is in need of host families for the fall 2001 semester. New students are expected to arrive in early August to study for the fall 2001 semester. Students will be arriving from Asia, Europe, Africa and the Middle East.



## New St. Rita Head Hockey Coach

Coach Jerry McPartlin (left) of Tinley Park is congratulated on his new position by Fr. Thomas McCarthy, O.S.A., President of St. Rita High School.

## McAuley STAR

The Institute of International Education announced that Majorie Schumann, resident of Evergreen Park and 2001 graduate of Mother McAuley High School, is the recipient of the 2001 GE Fund Global STAR (Student and Teacher Achievement and Recognition) Scholarship.

In addition to the scholarship, the GE Fund will grant Mother McAuley High School a \$500 award. Majorie has nominated her art teacher, Kathleen Gordon-Davis, to receive this award on behalf of the school and direct its use. The Institute of International Education and Mother McAuley High School congratulate Majorie on this outstanding achievement.

Students pay host fees, which help defray the cost of the student living in the home. Training and on-going support is available to all hosts. The Host Home Program sponsors events and activities that provide hosts and students with opportunities to socialize and interact.

Since the college's Host Home Program began in 1989 there have been approximately 900 placements of international students in more than 200 host homes. Getting involved is really easy. Call Claudia Robuck, international student housing coordinator, at 708-974-5756, or email [robuck@morainevalley.cc.il.us](mailto:robuck@morainevalley.cc.il.us), and request an application packet.

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Moraine Valley's Attention High School Children Learning students Center

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The center is conveniently located in the College Center at the Palos Hills campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. Parents can drop off their children before heading to class or to study.

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## St. Rita of Cascia High School

The new Publicity Chairperson for the St. Rita Mother's Club is Tracy Cargo. She is replacing Georgene Brown whom is now the Vice President of the St. Rita Mother's Club. Tracy Cargo can be contacted by calling 312-344-7216, fax 312-344-8400 or by email [Tcargo@aol.com](mailto:Tcargo@aol.com).

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## Top ten tips to create healthful lunches kids will eat

The dog days of summer are numbered and kids soon will be trading in their swimsuits and picnics in the park for schoolbooks and brown bag lunches.

Today's parents face the increasing challenge of creating a lunch their kids will enjoy and meet their nutritional needs. After all, what parents pack in that lunchbox or brown bag will serve as their child's primary source of fuel during the busy school day.

Below are some tips to make packing lunch for the first day of school (and throughout the year) something on which both kids and parents can agree. These tips feature some innovative ideas, as well as kid friendly

and parent acceptable foods -- such as grains, both whole and enriched.

Both whole and enriched grains are an important source of complex carbohydrates, the best choice for fueling growing muscles and brains and promoting good health. Whole wheat grain foods provide a good source of fiber and antioxidants such as Vitamin E, which may help reduce the risk of heart disease and some cancers, and can help lower blood cholesterol. Enriched grains are a great source of iron (which can prevent iron deficiency anemia) and B vitamins (thiamin, niacin, riboflavin, and folic acid), which can help prevent certain birth defects and may help reduce

the risk of coronary heart disease.

Not only are grains good for your body, they're also quick and easy to prepare and something people of all ages love to eat. Next time your child starts to complain that their best friend's parent packs a better lunch, try these tips:

*\*Involve your kids in the lunch making process.* Take them grocery shopping with you and allow them to pick a few of their favorite healthful foods, such as pretzels or animal crackers, to include in their lunch.

*\*Add new and unexpected foods to your children's lunches.* Put a little pasta salad made with fun shapes,

such as ABCs, into their thermos or include a tortilla wrap to spice things up.

*\*Encourage healthful lunch swaps among your kids and their friends.* Have each child work with their parent one day a week to create a tasteful and nutritious brown bag lunch that all the other kids will be dying to eat. What kid wouldn't want to try those yummy cinnamon bagel bits made by their best friend's mom?

*\*Plan a weekly school menu to avoid the morning panic and poor last minute lunch choices.* Let your children create the menu, then discuss their choices and suggest healthier options you both can agree on, such as substituting that candy bar with a blueberry muffin.

*\*Volunteer to organize a school classroom taste testing lunch lesson to encourage kids to learn about and try new foods.* Even kids can develop a taste for more exotic foods, such as bulgur, couscous, pita pockets, focaccia, colorful tortillas and pastas.



### Kevin Bracken Scholarship Awarded to Incoming St. Laurence Freshman

Tim O'Brien, graduate of Dawes Elementary School, has been named the 2001 recipient of the Kevin Bracken Scholarship. O'Brien will be attending St. Laurence High School this coming fall as a freshman. The scholarship is named after Kevin Bracken who is a 1990 graduate of St. Laurence and was a member of the U.S. Olympic Team. He participated in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, placing sixth in Greco-Roman Wrestling. Bracken, whose family resides in Oak Lawn, trains at the Colorado Springs wrestling camp at St. Laurence. The scholarship was initiated by the Bracken family to financially assist students attending St. Laurence High School. Pictured are U.S. Olympian Kevin Bracken (left) and recipient Tim O'Brien.

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## Knights of Columbus Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Council

Pictured are (left to right) Grand Knight Joe Muraida, Joseph Prieboy, an Augustian Seminarian, and Chaplain Rev. Tom McCarthy, OSA, President of St. Rita High School. At a recent party celebrating the newly installed officers of the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Knights of Columbus Council #324, Augustian Seminarian Prieboy received a grant. Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Knights of Columbus Council #324, meets at the American Legion Post, 97th and Kedzie Ave., Evergreen Park.

## Knights of Columbus

In 1882, a young priest named Father Michael McGivney gathered a small group of Catholic laymen together in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn. That group formed a fraternal benefit society to provide insurance for the widows of its members while offering fellowship among Catholic men. That group became known as the Knights of Columbus.

From these humble origins, the Knights of Columbus has grown into a fraternal order with more than 1.5 million members located in over 11,000 councils throughout the world. Each year members of the Knights donate more than 50 million volunteer hours and over \$100 million to charitable and Church causes. Besides performing good works, the Knights of Columbus offers optional, affordable life insurance to members and their immediate family. It also provides a number of fraternal benefit programs to eligible

members and their families.

Every K. of C. council provides a wide variety of opportunities for members and their families to become involved in projects and activities that are enjoyable. As well as benefiting not only the Church but also the community as a whole, especially the less fortunate. Our council, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Council #324 last year raised over \$17,000 for the Mentally Retarded. And provided scholarships for a number of seminarians.

If you are a practicing Catholic gentlemen 18 years or older, we urge you to take a look at the Knights of Columbus. Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Council #324 meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month in Evergreen Park. We cordially invite you to look us over. To learn more about the Order, please contact John Lachat, PGK 708-636-0569 or Skip McGinnis, PGK 773-779-8809. Thank you for your consideration.



## Free identification system for Chicago Children

The Chicago KIDS Program, created by City Clerk Jim Laski and co-sponsored by Mayor Richard M. Daley, will provide photo identification and fingerprinting for Chicago children at various aldermanic ward offices during the month of August.

The program is free to all to all Chicago residents and takes about 10 minutes to complete. National child safety groups stress the im-

portance of maintaining recent photos of children and the need for parents and children to talk about the dangers of child abduction. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimates that as many as one million children are reported missing each year. Of the children recovered safely, one in seven is found because searchers had a good photo available.

KIDS Program dates:

Monday, August 6, 2001  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm.  
Wentworth Park Field House, 5625 S. Mobile, Chicago, 60638

Monday, August 13, 2001, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.  
Hale Park Field House, 6258 W. 62nd, Chicago, 60638

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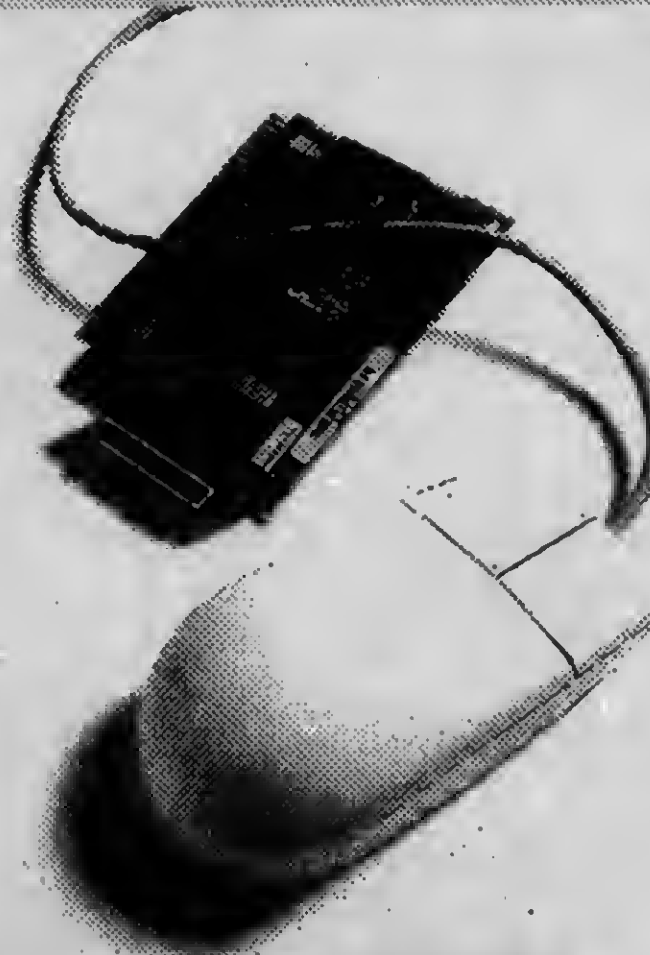
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attend this event, contact Lucy 773-8239, after 7:00 pm.

On Track Singles is open to all singles age 21 and over who have never been married, are divorced, or are widowed. For more information about the group, or to receive a copy of the newsletter, call John at 773-585-8242 or Lucy at 773-778-8239, after 7:00 pm.





## Titanic cast of performers

From left to right: Scott Ehret as Jim Farrell, Forest Hedden as Murdoch, John Vessels as Chief Engineer Bell, Michael Haws as Captain Smith, Christopher Vettel as Thomas Andrews.

## Smash Musical makes debut at Fireside in Wisconsin

by Annette Dixon

Small towns are nothing like they were thirty years ago. A town of a population of 10,000 housed one of the most modern restaurants called The Fireside and later became a theatre with fine dining. With all the additions, they now have a capacity for over 1,700 people including theatre and specialty gift shops. The people of the town know how large The Fireside has grown but really respect the small town atmosphere the Klopke family presents to each and every person attending the Fireside.

One of the first welcomes you will receive is a greeter at the entrance who helps to direct you to the box office or restroom or a waiting line especially for special groups that attend the performances.

After receiving your tick-

ets you can't help but notice such unique displays of assorted themes for crafts and knickknacks or popurri in the whatnot shops, beautifully located in the hallway before you enter the restaurant.

A host assigns a person to assist you to your table and while doing so walks along side you and personally discusses your input of the weather, the drive to the restaurant, or if you had ever been to the Fireside, etc. As the waitress or waiter approaches your table, they will recite the menu in a very interesting way. The food is fresh, tasteful and plentiful. A surprise is when the door opens to a theatre in the round, and there are no bad seats.

From July 19 through

October 7, Fireside Theatre presents the musical Titanic, winner of five Tony Awards including Best Musical. The production of Titanic was this reviewer's first and was proud to be there at the Fireside.

A historical presentation, unlike the movie, left me in love with the cast. After being indoctrinated into believing Titanic was a great love story, it didn't take long to realize I was going to see something different. At the opening scene, the stage became a dock in South Hampton. It looked so real with ramps and stairs leading to the RMS Titanic.

After the narration came the cast of many, the crew and well costumed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd class passengers walked in procession onto

the stage singing the song "In Every Age!"

Would I be able to say that I came away singing or humming a catchy tune, I would have to admit I did not, but I did enjoy each and every musical note sung. The clear distinct tones of the bass, baritones, tenors, 2nd altos, sopranos and coltra sopranos; totaling 26 singing and dancing their way throughout the musical.

The tragic story and deaths are told through this musical; it's a factual story combined with some fantasy.

You will not be disappointed with this musical! It's a must!

A quote from the Klopke family explains many sentiments: "We hope you will come away from this performance with an abiding faith in the goodness of humankind and a deeper appreciation for the blessings we all are given."

Sunday, October 21 at 3:00 pm.

John McDermott returns to the Paramount to entrance listeners with his warm tenor voice on Thursday, October 25 at 8:00 pm.

The Mystery of King Tut is a tale of adventure that reveals the details of two major events in history, the discovery of King Tut's tomb and the mystery behind his death, Friday, October 26 at 7:30 pm.

Sons of the San Joaquin are the newest rising stars of the western world. Enjoy an evening of magnificent voices, western classics, and traditional Cowboy music for everyone on Sunday, October 28 at 3:00 pm.

The Sunshine Boys, Neil Simon's smash comedy hit will star television, radio, and film star Dick Van Patten and actor, comedian and impressionist Frank Gorshin on Sunday, November 4 at 3:00 pm. Based on the top rated Nickelodeon animated TV series, "Franklin's Big Adventure" is packed with excitement and non stop audience participation that everyone will love; Saturday, November 10 at 2:00 and 5:00 pm.

Vienna Choir Boys on Sunday, November 25 at 3:00 pm.

Canadian Brass on Sunday, December 2 at 3:00 pm. Canadian Brass entertains audiences worldwide with its blend of classical virtuosity, humorous banter and on stage antics.

Charles Dickens' classic

tale A Christmas Carol comes to life through lively music, exquisite costumes and colorful sets on Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 pm.

Doug Stone's Christmas Show will delight all listeners of all ages on Friday, December 14 at 8:00 pm.

The World Champion Trinity Irish Dance Company, made up of 22 dancers, will present a progressive interpretation of Irish Dance on Saturday, December 15 at 8:00 pm.

Second City's cutting edge performance will knock you out of your seat on Saturday, January 26 at 7:00 and 10:00 pm. Their trademark improvisational skits make them one of the world's most popular comedy groups.

Charlotte's Web comes to life on Friday, February 8 at 7:30 pm.

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago returns for a dynamic evening of dance on Saturday, February 9 at 8:00 pm.

Mahalia chronicles the fascinating life of Mahalia Jackson, the world's greatest gospel singer on Friday, February 15 at 7:30 pm.

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Tickets for the general public will go on sale August 6, 2001, but subscription orders are currently available.

Patrons can become subscribers by purchasing tickets to any five shows this season. Benefits include a 10% discount; preferred seating; early notification of future events; and a chance to win two tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S., courtesy of American Airlines, the official carrier for the Paramount. To become a Paramount subscriber or for more

information, please call the Box Office at 630-896-6666.

Kicking off the 2001-02 season is *Sing-A-Long Sound of Music*, a special event on Friday, September 14 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, September 15 at 1:30 and 7:30 pm; Sunday, September 16 at 1:30 pm.

Stomp makes its triumphant return on Friday, October 5 at 8:00 pm; Saturday, October 6 at 5:00 and 9:00

pm; Sunday, October 7 at 2:30 and 6:30 pm. Perhaps one of the funniest actors on TV, Wayne Brady, best known for his role on ABC's hit comedy series "Whose Line is it Anyways?" comes to the Paramount on Sunday, October 20, 2001 at 7:00 and 10:00 pm.

Ballet Gran Folklorico de Mexico will reveal the beautiful heritage of Mexico on



# Jack Thompson Oldsmobile has no intention of leaving

By: F. J Soczek

This is the House that Jack Built. Fortunately, the rumors of its premature closing are (apologies to Mark Twain) greatly exaggerated.

Earlier this year, Chuck Thompson, son of founder Jack Thompson and General Manager of the Oldsmobile dealership, awoke with a rather disturbing dilemma.

It seems a local newspaper published word that a Home Depot was destined for Oak Lawn and the 48 year old business would become a parking lot by July.

Given the Village's penchant for turning perfectly good businesses into parking facilities, the report appeared more than credible.

Most of the long term employees and a good part of the parts department were not amused.

It was not a rumor, they reasoned. It was printed, there in black and white, in the newspaper.

Despite earnest reassurances such as not the case, Thompson found

himself replacing a number of otherwise good employees who believed their future in serious peril.

It was yet another case of premature evacuation fostered by over-anxious Oak Lawn Village officials.

Awhile back, Maurice Lennel Cookie Outlet, Southwest Music and, a printing business were evicted from their building to make room for a parking lot. Over a year later, the building to be demolished was still standing.

Jobs were lost. Lives were needlessly sent into frantic upheaval.

The scenario was repeated again with the Fernwood Cleaners/Millies fiasco.

Grandiose plans...Dazzling political PR...all at the expense of judicious and professional responsibility.

Chuck Thompson explained the Home Depot proposal was strictly in the "talk" stage. There was certainly "no money on the table."

Thompson offered an analogy used in the auto

business. "A deal is not complete till we see the tail lights of a (sold) car."

Fortunately, no Jack Thompson employees appeared to be present at the April 12th Oak Lawn Board Meeting when Village Manager Joe Faber bowed and took credit for a "complex real estate negotiation" which proclaimed the demise of one of the Village's oldest and best known businesses.

Thankfully for Thompson, the announced (ie rumored) "July" demolition date has come and gone.

It's time to get back to "business as usual," which translates into running an enormously successful, award winning auto dealership.

Jack Thompson Olds has literally become a local cultural icon with its signature slogan, *Home of the Free Loaner automobile*.

At the time Jack Thompson established the dealership in the early 1950's, Oak Lawn was

literally "the boonies," explained Chuck Thompson.

Public transportation was virtually nonexistent, and the concept of providing free "loner" vehicles proved invaluable in establishing a relationship of trust and long term customer satisfaction.

Some dealerships offer similar perks while vehicles are "under warranty."

Jack Thompson offers free loaner cars while vehicles are in for service. Period.

Clearly, the recent announcement Oldsmobile's eventual phase-out has caused the dealership to regroup and consider all options.

The priceless "word of mouth" reputation earned over the years, along with staunch employee loyalty will prove to be a formidable asset not often found on accounting ledgers and balance sheets.

Thompson fully intends to keep his extended "family" foremost as he explores other possible dealerships

after the announced 2005 closing.

A common (and indeed, logical) concern for most consumers is that of future service and parts availability.

The ninth largest Olds retailer in the country will certainly not slip quietly into history without "contingency" arrangements.

For those contemplating purchase of a new Oldsmobile, parts and service will be available through General Motors virtually indefinitely.

## George O'Hare speaks in Oak Lawn

George O'Hare, Motivational Speaker, will speak to the National association of Retired Federal Employees, #1106, on Wednesday, August 15 at 10:15 am at the

Oak Lawn Municipal Building, 9446 S. Raymond.

Fran Sadowski, coordinator, announced that George will energize, entertain, and motivate them.

"Mr. Accentuate the Positive", George O'Hare is in his second career. He served as Director of Senior Advocacy for the Illinois Attorney



General's Office under Neil Hartigan. He later served as the Chief of The Speakers Bureau for Attorney General Roland Burris, after 34 years of dedicated service at Sears Roebuck & Company, in the merchandising and sales division.

Mr. O'Hare has his own program on Chicago Cable Access Channel 19. He was also inducted into the Senior Citizen Hall of fame in 1991.

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## Oak Lawn Family Days

Pictured from left to right: Jody Gaydos, Andrew Gaydos, and Trevor Smith.

## St. Xavier opens new residence hall

Saint Xavier University dedicated a new residence hall recently.

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and internet access. A wireless internet gathering room, the first of its kind, is located on the first floor. The hall also features laundry rooms on each floor, a student lounge, and a multipurpose room.

The hall was named in honor of Mother Mary Huberta McCarthy, R.S.M., Saint Xavier's President from 1945-1960. Mother Mary Huberta's nephew, John McCarthy, is now chair of Saint Xavier's Board of Trustees.

Dr. Richard Yanikowski, President of the University, said, "Mother Huberta McCarthy oversaw the development of the 103rd Street campus with loving care...the University owes an immeasurable debt of gratitude to the McCarthy family."

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## McCarthy Hall Dedication

From left to right: Carlos Jackson, McCarthy Hall Residence Hall Director; Amber Stevens, SXU student; Dr. Richard Yanikoski, Saint Xavier University President; Sr. Irenaeus Chekouras, President Emerita; and John C. McCarthy, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

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## Elks Lodge Drug Awareness Program

Elks Lodge #2254 held a Drug Awareness Program at Dearborn Heights School. Winners of the posters and essay contest were given \$50.00 Bonds. Pictured are Christopher Szybinski, Ashley Sotello, and Asma Al-Shaikh and Don Nowak, Drug Awareness Chairman. Any school or organization wanting information or pamphlets, contact The Lodge at 423-2254.

## Oak Lawn Chapter of Retired Federal Employees

The new officers for the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Oak Lawn Chap-

ter 1106

The new officers are: John C. Altar, President Mary Buckley, First Vice President Frank Waligora, Second Vice President Catherine A. Siciliano, Secretary Marian Waligora, Treasurer and Trudy Martinez, Sergeant at Arms.

## Registration for fall activities at Oak Lawn Park District

Fall 2001 program guides will be delivered to Oak Lawn residents at the end of July. The guides contain information on upcoming programs and activities, park district news and information about the facilities. The guides will be available at all park district facilities for non residents by the end of the month.

Twenty two new programs have been added to the fall list. General registration for all programs begins on Monday, August 6 for residents and Monday, August 20 for non residents.

The new programs are: Learn Newborn Massage - two four-week sessions for parents to bond with their baby; Women's Self Defense - defensive tips and tricks for all ages; Midwest Adult Volleyball - adults can learn to bump, set and spike; Co-Ed Wallyball - enjoy Sunday afternoons playing at the Racquet Club, 10444 S. Central Ave.; Special Recreation Volleyball - two months of learning how to play and have fun; Adult Jazz - exercise and learn new jazz steps; Boys Choir - all boys can

enjoy the thrill of performing and singing; High School Album - create a memory book of high school moments in this two day class; School Days Album - decorate an album commemorating the days of school; Gift Album - create a unique picture album in just one day; Nature Art Class for You - young minds can explore their art and creativity; Fairy Tale Fun - little ears can enjoy fairy tales and fun projects; Traveling Tots - tots will discover a new country every week when they "travel" in class; Parent and Tot Tennis - while learning tennis, enjoy some family fun; Kids Pottery/Parents Pottery Party - two parties for kids and parents to be creative on their own. Also, there are four new craft classes involving sewing, stitching and hand work.

For more information on program fees or schedules, please call the Oak Lawn Park District at 708-857-2200 or email [info@olparks.com](mailto:info@olparks.com).

## Dear Editor

I wanted to take a minute extend my thanks to all those who contributed their time and effort to make this year's Ridgefest one of the best ever. Not only were we blessed with great weather, but also apparently thousands of attendees were just waiting to return to Freedom Park this year. Our attendance was up considerably from the last two years, our carnival got great reviews, and our entertainment, especially the Disney Fireworks show, exceeded our expectations.

The huge crowd of kids enjoying the Britney Spears and Backstreet Boys tribute was fantastic, as was the response for the Bacon Brothers, particularly Kevin! And the smiling and laughing faces of so many children in the Kids' Tent and enjoying Indian Storytelling, magicians, clowns and animal rides, really makes this event especially worthwhile for me personally. But also rewarding is the event's ability to serve as a fundraising opportunity for so many of our non profit organizations. Their volunteer participation also has grown and is welcomed and appreciated.

## Season Pool Passes go half price

Stay cool the rest of the summer at the Burbank Park District Water Park with our season pass. All family season passes have gone half price. Prices will vary depending on residency and number of family members above 3 years of age. The water park is open 12:30 pm to 8:15 pm every day of the week. The water park consists of a two flume waterslide (must be 4'2" to go down), zero depth to 2'4"

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So do not waste another boring afternoon at home when you can bring the whole family out for a fun filled day of swimming and sliding. For more information please contact 708-599-2070.

## Free Rhythm and Blues Concert

The Oak Lawn Park District presents another free outdoor concert. The Rhythm Rockets described as a vintage jump, rhythm and blues band, will perform on Thursday, August 9 at 7:00 pm at Lakeshore Park, 9601 E. Lake Shore Drive, in Oak Lawn.

This will be the band's debut performance with the park district. The Rhythm Rockets play jump blues from the early 1940s and 1950s. Their music relates to the early style of rhythm and

blues mixed in with a little jump and swing.

At this concert, the park district will be giving away two tickets to its fall musical, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. The tickets are only good for Thursday, August 16. The show starts at 8:00 pm at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th Street in Oak Lawn.

Check out the Rhythm Rockets at their home website, [www.rhythmrockets.com](http://www.rhythmrockets.com).

For more information about the free outdoor concert, call the Oak Lawn Park District at 708-857-2200.

ESDA people, this event could never work. So I extend my personal thanks to all of these unnamed and numerous individuals, and on behalf of the many groups who reap the benefit of the Fest, you have our sincere appreciation.

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To register your team, return the completed team registration form with \$160 team entry fee (check or money order must be made out to the order of the City of Chicago). Team registration forms can be picked up, mailed to, or dropped off at The Mayor's Office of Special Events, c/o Sports

## District 218 adds daycare to attract young teachers

At a time when school systems are losing waves of retiring teachers, District 218 this month will introduce a

Development Office, City Hall, Room 703, 121 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60602. To have a team registration form mailed to you, please call the Chicago Sports Development Office at 312-744-0566.

The Mayor's Office of Special Events encourages taking public transportation to all festivals and events to enhance the experience by making travel easier. Call 312-836-7000 for information on RTA, CTA, PACE and Metra, 7 days a week including holidays, or go to the CTA website. For up to the minute traffic information and travel alerts, go to the Department of Transportation's website at [www.cityofchicago.org/intheloop](http://www.cityofchicago.org/intheloop).

The Chicago 16" Softball Championship 2001 is produced by the Mayor's Office of Special Events and the Chicago 16" Softball Hall of Fame. For more information, call the Chicago Sports Development Office at 312-744-0566.

new benefit designed to retain and recruit young teachers. On August 15, a week before the opening of the 2001-2002 school year, the district will open its employee-only daycare center.

'Sandbox' Pre-School, which operates several day care facilities in the southwest suburbs, will manage the facility, which is located at the district's Administrative Center, 10701 S. Kilpatrick, Oak Lawn.

"We believe that offering day care services on our grounds will give us an additional edge in retaining and

## Score One for Park Lawn at the Ball Park

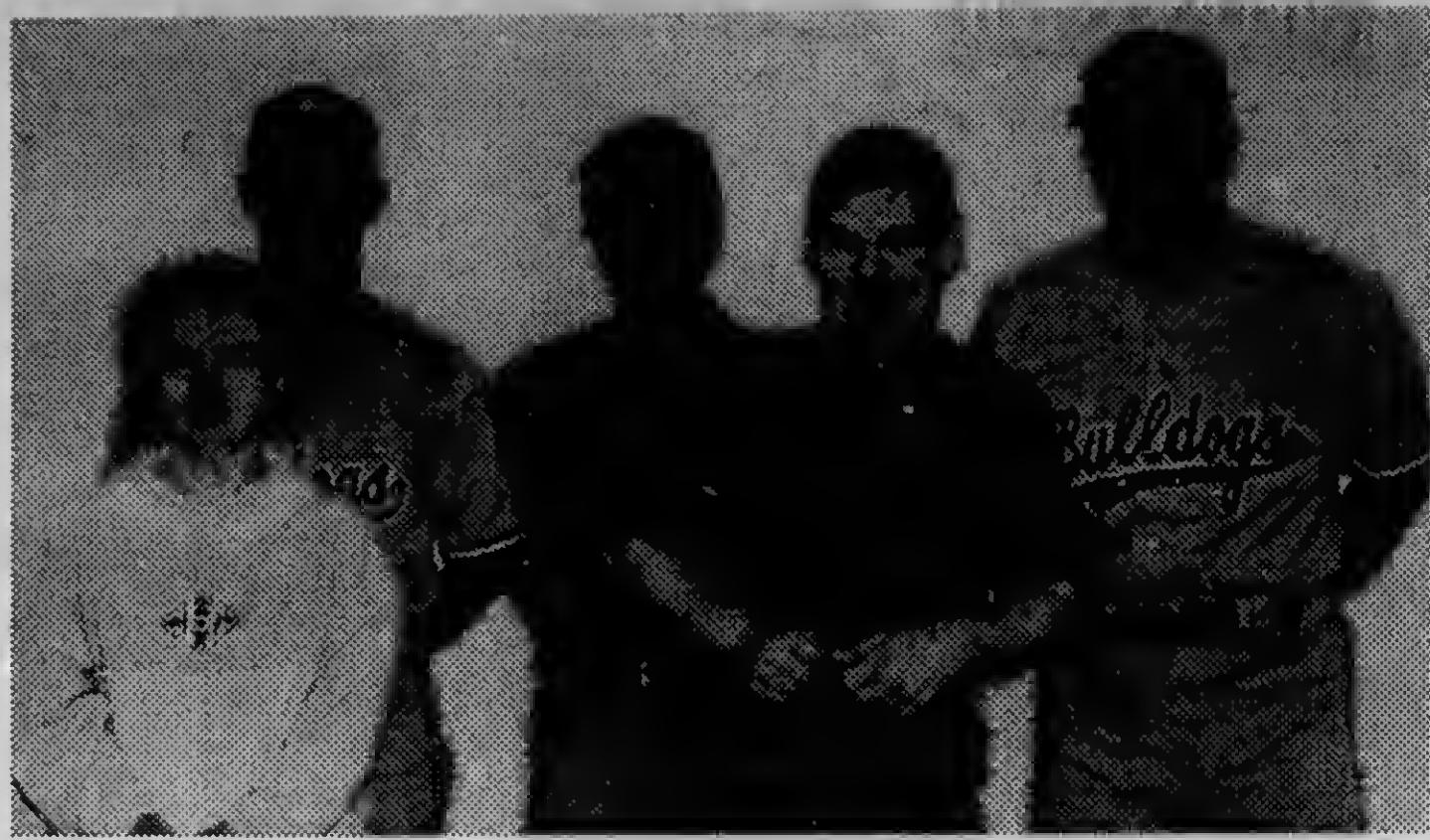
Get out of the grand stands and register for the Cheetah Charity 5K Run and International Walk to benefit Park Lawn. The race will begin at 8:00 am on Sunday, August 5 at Hawkinson Ford Field in Crestwood.

The 5K race will be on a flat course through the tree lined streets in Crestwood and Midlothian. All runners and walkers will complete the race by circling the track at Hawkinson Ford Field and finish by crossing home plate. Trophies will be awarded to the top male and female finishers in 13 different age groups. First place male and female finishers will receive a Sports Mountain Bike, compliments of Triangle Appraisal Ltd. Each participant will receive a commemorative T-shirt and a complimentary ticket to the afternoon Cheetahs Game vs Chillicothe Paints.

Water will be available on the course with food and refreshments available after the race. Registration fees are \$20 for pre registration (by August 1) and \$25 on the day of the race. Race day check in is 6:30 to 7:30 am. Runners and walkers can register at Park Lawn Development Office or call 708-425-6867 for further information.

recruiting new teachers. This year alone we hired 40 new teachers," said District Superintendent Dr. Kevin Burns, whose 2 year old daughter will attend the day care center.

The influx of new teachers will continue in the years to come. At least 29 teachers



## Sertoma Center Charity Game

Getting ready for the Roy Hobbs Charity Game to benefit Sertoma Centre are, left to right, front row: Patsy Hughes and Frank Lovinski, Sertoma Centre consumers. Back row: Ken O'Brien, Bulldogs catcher/outfielder, Ray Palma, General Manager of the Diamondbacks/player, and Bob "Good Kid" Fiorvanti, General Manager of the Bulldogs/player.

## Charity Baseball Game to benefit Sertoma Centre

The Roy Hobbs Baseball League's (30 and over) Third Annual Charity Baseball Game for Sertoma Centre, is scheduled for Saturday, August 18 at 6:00 pm, at the Hawkinson Ford Field, home of the Cook County Cheetahs, 14100 S. Kenton Ave.

(Midlothian Turnpike & Kenton Ave.) in Crestwood.

Admission is \$3 per person. If the game is rained out, it will be rescheduled for Saturday, August 25. Tickets will be available at the gate or from sponsors: Rosa's Pizza, B.J. McMahon's, Joliet Limousine, Best Advertising Specialties and Printing, and the Cook County Cheetahs, or from Sertoma Centre.

The Chicago Bulldogs will take on Oak Lawn Dia-

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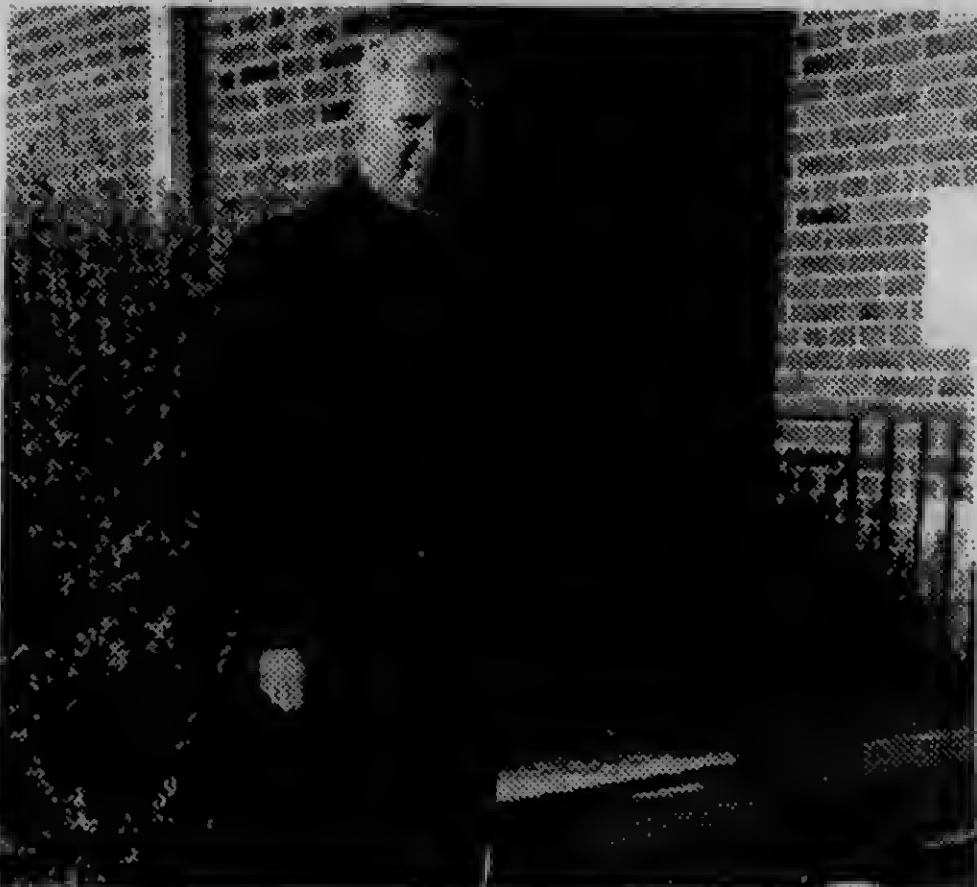
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge



Rev. Mark Pasciak, pastor of St. Symphorosa parish welcomes parishioners and guests to worship at his church during the St. Symphorosa feast celebration last week. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)

## St. Symphorosa parish begins 75th jubilee celebration

By Rick Techman

The St. Symphorosa parish, at 6135 S. Austin, started its 75th anniversary jubilee celebration with a prayer service in June and masses during the week of St. Symphorosa's feast day in July reminding community members that she was a mother and wife as well as martyr during her life in the early second century.

Rev. Mark Pasciak, pastor of St. Symphorosa parish since 1989, said he is only the fifth pastor here in the 75 year history of this Clearing community church. Rev. Pasciak explained George Cardinal Mundelein appointed the first pastor of St. Symphorosa, Rev. J Leo Sharp in June, 1927. St. Symphorosa parish then consumed all of the area between Cicero and Harlem, 65th Street to 55th Street.

Rev. Pasciak explained that at the time of the parishes formation, St. Symphorosa parishioners included immigrant railroad workers from several different European countries. Because of the vast ethnic mix that this church was built on, Rev. Pasciak said Cardinal Mundelein determined St. Symphorosa parish should be a melting pot, an American church. "He didn't want," Rev. Pasciak said, "this to be established as one particular ethnic group. "It always has been that way," he added, "and up to this point its a lot of different ethnic groups who don't have a particular mass and a particular language but we have all different kinds of national groups represented here. Good middle class people."

A wide variety of government employees, particularly city workers

including firemen, policemen, sanitation workers and others compose the members of the parish according to Rev. Pasciak. He also said professionals, such as nurses and other health care workers, make up part of his flock as well. In general, Rev. Pasciak simply explained good middle-class citizens make up the St. Symphorosa parish.

Rev. Pasciak said his parish will be conducting a wide variety of activities open to the public throughout the rest of 2001 and into the summer of 2002 when the 75th anniversary mass will be said along with an accompanying celebration. Rev. Pasciak said this celebration will be unique for St. Symphorosa since there does not appear to be another St. Symphorosa church in most major U.S. metropolitan areas.

Rev. Pasciak explained St. Symphorosa, who was the widow of St. Getulius and mother of seven sons, was tortured and killed near Rome, circa 135 A.D., because of her love and devotion to Christ. When she refused an order by the Roman emperor to make a sacrifice to a pagan god, he had her hung by her hair then thrown in the river with a large rock tied to her. The next day, seven men believed to be her sons, died in a similar manner.

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In order to receive a U.S. Passport an applicant must submit two identical passport specific photographs taken within the last six months, documentation and proof of citizenship and identity. Accepted forms of proof must include an original or certified birth certificate, naturalization paper, expired passport, valid driver's license or state identification card. The original documentation will be sent along with the application and returned with the new passport.

City Clerk Jim Laski also offers passport specific photographs at his city hall office. There is a fee of \$15 for the picture

## Vacation Bible School

We are trekking at Clearing United Methodist Church from Monday, August 6 through Friday, August 10. Boys and girls from kindergarten through grade six are invited to join us at 5717 West 63rd Place.

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Individuals must pay with check or money order for the US Passport Service fee. The fees for City Clerk and photograph may be cash or check. Please phone Laski's office at 773/744-2020 for additional information.

## Chicago's 23rd Annual Jazz Festival

Dee Dee Bridgewater, Dave Brubeck, the Gerald Wilson Orchestra and Terence Blanchard are just a few of the jazz performers who will take the stage at the Petrillo Music Shell for the 23rd Annual Chicago Jazz Festival, August 30 through September 2.

The four day festival begins on Thursday, August 30, opening with Orbert Davis and Hot 7 Tribute, followed by Kabil El'Zabar's Ritual Trio with special guest Pharoah Sanders. Headlining the stage will be Dee Dee Bridgewater, known for her live performances which honor the great female jazz performers.

Festival hours for Thursday and Friday are 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm, but there are many more hours of music for jazz fans of all ages on Saturday and Sunday, September 1-2, as the festival opens at 11:00 am both days and adds two more stages of entertainment.

For more information on the city's festival go to [www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents](http://www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents).



## Street resurfacing here

A city crew from the Department of Transportation installs a curb and parallel parking ramp at 54th and Meade, under the supervision Joe Sallas (standing), as the annual Chicago residential street resurfacing program hit the 23rd Ward last week. Alderman Michael Zalewski (23) said the mayor assured him of improvements of as many as 70 streets and alleys. "This year," Zalewski said, "I have chosen nearly eight miles of residential streets to be paved in the community. It is just another step we are taking to improve the quality of life and infrastructure for my taxpayers." (photo/caption by Rick Techman)



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## Chicago still keeping details of O'Hare expansion under wraps

Suburban O'Hare Commission officials today called on Chicago to tell the public what it is telling Governor Ryan about its expansion plans for O'Hare Airport.

"All we know about the details of the expansion plan is what the city is choosing to leak selectively to the press," said John Geils, SOC Chairman. "In a democracy, the people, especially the people and businesses to me most damaged, have the first right to know all the details of the expansion plan."

Chicago has given the Illinois Transportation Department some information on the vaguely outlined expansion plans at the request of Gov. Ryan, but his administration has made it clear that the information is inadequate. SOC is filing a Freedom of Information demand for all relevant information that Chicago is providing the state.

Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) made his own demand that Gov. Ryan approve O'Hare's expansion without critical information being made available. Despite the positive spin Chicago has been trying to put on the plan, even the information leaked to the media arises troubling questions: Chicago has failed to specify the source of funding

for the airport. Chicago has failed to conduct simulations to determine the extent of flight delays when the expansion has been completed. Chicago has failed to provide noise contours from the new airport configuration. Chicago's estimates of the cost of home and business relocation are understated and estimates of the time to construct a runway are overly optimistic.

Craig Johnson, SOC Vice Chair, said that the public blackout ironically pushes the plan's own supporters into a corner.

SOC officials noted that the failure to disclose the plan's details continues a decades long pattern of bad faith. Until a few weeks before Mayor Daley made public the outlines of his massive O'Hare plan, he had insisted that new runways and additional air capacity in the region were unneeded. He did that even though secret city planning documents ordered made public by the Illinois Supreme and Appellate courts revealed that the city for years had waged a "guerrilla war" to add capacity at O'Hare while working to "kill" a new airport near south suburban Peotone.

"How long will Chicago try to continue this charade?"

Geils asked. "The truth is that the city is worried that once the public, as well as the business and financial communities, begin to examine the operational, cost, environmental and other details of Fantasy O'Hare, public support for it will collapse. Chicago's strategy, as it always is, is stall, stall, stall, while quietly rushing it through before the tough questions are answered," Geils said.

"We're still waiting for all those who endorsed the plan before it was revealed, and who support it still without knowing its details, to begin asking the tough questions, as the state now is doing. What Chicago owes everyone is straight and public answers, so the public can judge for itself the wisdom of going ahead with one of the most expensive public works projects in the nation's history."

illnesses may not be covered at all.

"Mental illnesses are treatable and there is no reason to continue to exclude them in health insurance plans," Radogno said. "Several other states have been able to successfully provide coverage for mental illnesses without any increases in premiums."

Radogno said that the legislation takes an approach that many states use by requiring coverage for biologically based mental illnesses. Specifically, Senate Bill 1341 provides coverage under group policies (based upon medical necessity) of up to 45 dates of inpatient treatment and 35 visits for outpatient treatment per year, but does not limit lifetime coverage. Mental illnesses would also be covered at the same amount limits,

## Sertoma Centre's upcoming events

Sertoma Centre's eleventh annual Bowl-A-Thon will be held on Sunday, August 12, at 1:30 pm at Tinley Park Bowl, 7601 183rd Street in Tinley Park. All bowlers receive a t-shirt, prizes, cosmic bowling and a pizza banquet. Bowlers 12 and under need to collect a minimum of \$25, 13 and over/adults need to collect \$50 or more. Registration is required. To find out more information or to register, please call Diane at Sertoma Centre 708-371-9700 ext. 211.

A charity baseball game to benefit Sertoma Centre Inc. will feature the Chicago Bulldogs taking on the Diamondbacks on Saturday, August 18 at 6:00 pm. It will be held at Hawkinson Ford Field, home of the Cook County Cheetahs, 14100 S. Kenton Ave., Crestwood. Admission is \$3. Special attractions will be appearances by Erick Soderholm, 1977 Sox "Hitman" and Legendary Johnny Sain. Hooter bat and ball girls will help out and live music will be provided by Statik, an alternative rock group. For more information, please call Diane at Sertoma Centre, 708-371-9700, ext. 211.

deductibles, co-payments, and co-insurance factors as physical illnesses.

"The new law meets health needs with the requirement to cover biologically based mental illnesses and it addresses costs concerns by exempting employers with 50 employees or fewer and is limited to serious mental illnesses," Radogno said. "It took some time to negotiate this legislation, but in the end, we have a new law that will finally provide some health coverage for individuals with mental illnesses."

## American Baby Casting Call at Babies "R" Us

Parents of babies 18 months old or younger can give their tots a chance at stardom at the American Baby Casting Call on Friday, August 10th.

The event is seeking the most beautiful baby in the Chicago area by inviting parents to bring their babies to the Babies "R" Us store at

158th & La Grange Road in Orland Park to be photographed and judged.

American Baby staff will take photos from 9:30am-12 noon. A free snapshot will be taken of each child to become eligible to take part in the contest.

One lucky winner will receive the Casting Call Grand Prize from the Chicago area contest and his/her parents will receive an expense-paid trip for three to New York City.

The winning baby will also receive a \$100 Osh Kosh B'Gosh wardrobe.

## O'Malley's Child Protection Law signed into law

A child protection program originated in Livingston County will now help keep children safe statewide, under a new law sponsored by State Senator Patrick O'Malley.

The 18th District Senator shepherded the "Protect Our Children" legislation through the General Assembly, which approved it by unanimous votes each step of the way. Senate Bill 187 was signed into law July 18.

The new law requires that day care facilities and schools, including colleges, receive written notification within 24 hours from the clerk of the court when there is an order of protection issued for any student.

"An order of protection helps shield a child when each and every person responsible for the child knows about the order. The new law eliminates the confusion surrounding orders of protection by making it clear to schools or day care facilities when a valid order of protection is in effect," O'Malley said. "We also incorporated language into the legislation at the request of the Coalition Against Domestic Violence to protect the privacy of victims."

Senate Bill 187 requires day

care facilities and schools that transfer a student or child to another day care facility or school to notify the new day care facility or school within 24 hours of any valid order of protection that exists with respect to the transferring student or child. The bill also allows petitioners who transfer their protected students or children to a new day care facility or school to notify the circuit clerk so the clerk can notify the new day care facility or school of the valid order of protection.

"This landmark law will enhance the safety and protection of our children from non-custodial parents, disgruntled former boyfriends and girlfriends, stalkers and others who have been determined to pose a danger," Elsner said. "The support for this measure shows just how effective Senator O'Malley's common sense approach to public safety can be."

## New law requires health coverage for mental illnesses

Illinois Governor George Ryan signed legislation providing individuals receiving care for mental illnesses the same insurance coverage as those treated for other biologically based diseases, according to the bill's sponsor Senator Christine Radogno.

Senate Bill 1341 seeks parity for mental illnesses by requiring accident and health insurance policies to cover

serious mental illness under the same terms and conditions as other illnesses.

Under this measure, hospital and medical expenses for schizophrenia, paranoid and other psychotic disorders, bipolar disorders, major depressive compulsive disorders, depression in childhood and adolescence and panic disorder would receive parity. Currently, these





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## Fire at Rosebud causes concern over water mains

by Jude Coyle

Mark Vohnke and his family tried to escape the heat of July 30th, by spending the day at a local water park. They arrived home at dinner time, finding a smoke streaming from their neighbor's kitchen window.

The Vohnkes are residents of the Rosebud Trailer Court at 88th and Harlem in Bridgeview. "One of the reasons we bought the trailer," Mr. Vohnke explained, "is because there is a fire hydrant right there." That same hydrant was supposed to cover a two block area.

Mr. Vohnke told an enthralling and disturbing tale of how he, and the manager of the Rosebud Trailer Court, broke into the neighbor's trailer, and rescued the occupants. The man came out first. "His hair was on fire," Vohnke explained. Vohnke and the manager helped to put out the man's hair, and then turned the neighbor's garden hose on the fire. "It was intense," Vohnke said.

He dropped the hose when his wife reminded him that the neighbor's mother had not yet escaped. Mr. Vohnke and the manager then entered the trailer again, this time pulling a woman from her bed. "We were stopped at the door

and couldn't go any further," Mr. Vohnke explained. "She was hooked up to an oxygen tank." They completed the rescue once they were able to break the hose. Just then, Vohnke explained, the windows blew out and flames shot out, buckling the siding on his trailer on fire. He then turned his garden hose on the fire. Ten oxygen tanks exploded just as the Hickory Hills Fire Department arrived. That's when the awful truth came out. The firefighters opened the fire hydrant that separated the two trailers. Nothing came out.

The Bridgeview Fire Department arrived only moments later, bringing water with them. When that ran out, hoses were run through the park, out the front gate and across Harlem to the closest hydrant, nearly a half mile away.

"According to what they told us," Mr. Vohnke said, "Bridgeview always brings water with them. There are twenty plus hydrants in the Park and only 2 work."

As a result of the fire, the woman removed from her bed, suffered from smoke inhalation, and the Vohnke's lost their patio furniture and some of the children's toys.

west and Roosevelt Road to the south and Monroe Street on the north.

This year's festival features the music of grammy award winners, Flaco Jimenez, Grupo Limite, Grupo Mania and Azul Azul. Other headliners include Fulanito and Oro Solido.

For more information about the 13th Annual Viva! Chicago Latin Music Festival, please contact the Mayor's Office of Special Events Hotline at 312-744-3370.

"My kids have been traumatized by this," Vohnke explained. "They didn't sleep for two or three nights after that." Thank God for quick response of neighbors like the Vohnkes, and the extreme efforts of the Hickory Hills and the Bridgeview Fire Departments, damage would have been a lot worse. "The trailer burnt up in minutes," Mr. Vohnke explained. "I'm sure that if it was another trailer another block down, at least two or three trailers would have burnt down."

Mr. Vohnke and his neighbors gathered on Thursday, August 9, to discuss the event with Bridgeview Village officials. Mr. Vohnke is not optimistic. Mayor Landek apologized for the situation, and explained that the Village has no authority over the owners of the park. Trailer Court owners have a powerful lobby in Springfield, and are resistant to change of any kind. The park is considered private property, and the Village cannot force them to check hydrants for intensity, or even to lay another water main.

State Senator Christine Radogno also met with the residents. Laws changed in 1998. A trailer court the size of Rosebud, which has about 980 units, are required to have a six inch water main and operating hydrants. According to what she had been told, the Rosebud has a two inch water main. "Trailer parks established prior to that have been grandfathered," Senator Radogno said. She is frantically working with the Illinois E.P.A. and the Illinois Department of Public Health to change the law. "Village officials are as concerned about this as I am."

Representatives from Rosebud declined to comment about the situation.



## Bridgeview Campouts

by Jude Coyle

"Friday night is Family Fun Night," Terry Austin said. "We'll have karaoke and hot dogs. Look for balloons." He referred to the second annual Let's Go Camping in Bridgeview, which took place the weekend of August 17 through the 19.

Terry told me on Wednesday that they had received advance reservations from residents of 21 different communities, including Lockport, Oak Lawn, Oak Forest, and Berwyn. Three hundred individuals had registered by then, and at least another 400 were expected to register by Thursday. The final count came to 1200.

Terry was right. When I arrived I saw hundreds of huge, colorful, helium balloons, tents had been erected. Children played on well lit playground equipment, and adults and young people held hands and sang. Terry stood on a wagon, and with a microphone directed the camp-

ers to circle about while holding hands. They sang "We can do lava do, the do is great!" Terry then instructed them to pick up speed, change direction, and link arms at the shoulders. One dancer fell, and like dominoes, those behind him fell as well. Participants laughed, and picked themselves up.

Ted DeSaga began the karaoke portion of the evening with his rendition of "Hot August Night." Yes, it was August, but far from hot. The weather was perfect.

A frightening moment occurred when mom, Vicky, reported that her five year old Demi, was missing. Terry immediately called for the help of the police and E.S.D.A. to search for Demi. Mom and daughter were reunited within a few moments.

Public Works employee, Al Skutnik, grilled hot dogs, and Trustee Mary Sutton served hungry campers. Pat

Hervig-Higgenson, from the Mayor's Office of Special Events explained how she and others had spent the previous evening preparing 1200 sub sandwiches for Saturday's lunch. "It's a lot of work," Pat said. "But it's worth it to see so many having fun." The weekend festivities even included meals.

On Saturday, a homerun derby by the Police Department had been planned. Also in the works were a reptile exhibit, more karaoke, face painting, open pool, an Elvis impersonator, and fireworks. If it rains, Pat said that they planned to show movies in the Park District building.

Let's Go Camping in Bridgeview is sponsored by Mayor Steve Landek, the Board of Trustees, and Cook County President John Stroger. The cost of the event was covered by B.A.D.G.E., which is a program funded by Cook County.

## Chicago Latin Music Festival

The 12th Annual "Viva! Chicago" Latin Music Festival will take place in Grant Park on Saturday, August 25 and Sunday, August 26 from 11:00 am to 9:30 pm both days. Viva! Chicago is presented by the Mayor's Office of Special Events.

Grant Park is located in the heart of Chicago and borders Lake Shore Drive to the east, Michigan Avenue to the





## O'Malley's Project Exile Illinois' signed into law

Convicted felons found with guns will face federal prosecution, under a new law sponsored by State Senator Patrick O'Malley that targets criminal use of firearms.

Known as "Project Exile Illinois," Senate Bill 5/House Bill 231 is modeled after a highly successful program in Richmond, Virginia, where all felons in possession of guns are federally prosecuted. The legislation was signed into law August 10.

"If you are going to commit a crime with a gun within the environs of Illinois, then you are in the wrong place. Project Exile Illinois means that felons caught with firearms could find themselves spending the next five years in the federal penitentiary in Walla Walla, Washington," O'Malley said. "This legislation will in many cases stop criminals from committing crimes in Illinois so moms and dads won't have to experience the devastation of losing their children as a result of armed violence. We are the first state in the nation to implement Project Exile on a statewide basis."

An initiative of the Illinois State Crime Commission (ISCC), Senate Bill 5/House Bill 231 calls on the Illinois State Police to work with local law enforcement agencies

to encourage the prosecution in federal court of all persons who illegally use, attempt to use, or threaten to use firearms against the person or property of another. ISCC Executive Director Jerry Elsner says that Project Exile Illinois "is the most significant law enforcement legislation passed in the past 20 years. It will make the streets safe for the working families of Illinois."

The 18th District Senator is also working to pass legislation that will require convicted felons to surrender any and all firearms and their FOID cards upon conviction.

Two years ago, O'Malley sponsored a law that cracks down on straw purchases in which person buy firearms intending to give them to others, like felons, who are legally forbidden to own guns. Senate Bill 234 was signed into law in 1999 and took effect January 1, 2000. The law calls for time behind bars for those convicted of knowingly buying a gun in Illinois.

"Senate Bill 5/House Bill 231 is a logical progression from Senate Bill 234 and its focus is right on target. It will make Illinois the toughest state in the Union in prosecuting persons who use guns to commit crimes," O'Malley said

## National Italian American Golf Outing

National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame 15th Annual Golf Outing on Wednesday, August 29, 2001, at Gleneagles Country Club 123 Road and Bell Rd. in Lemont.

Bag Dropoff and Registration, with Continental Breakfast is from 7:30 to 8:30 am. Shotgun start is at 9:00 am sharp.

Events include:

\*Longest Marshmallow Drive, with a prize of Taylor Made Driver.

\*Hole in One on Par Three, wins New Car.

\*Straightest Drive, wins Golf accessories and Dinner gift certificates.

\*Closest to the Pins, wins Jewelry and other prizes.

There is all day raffles for cash prizes and all day refreshments:

Lunch - Italian sausages, hot dogs, fresh fruit and more drinks; After Golf - Pizza and drinks (approx. 3:00 pm); Dinner - Prime rib, bar-b-que ribs, chicken and open bar (5:00 pm).

Special guests will include sports legends all monies go towards our scholarship fund special presentation to our 2001 second wind recipient.

All tickets sold on first come first serve basis. First 160 will be guaranteed spots. All after will be standby only. For info call Len at 708-599-0001 or Skip at 708-448-0970.



## Topinka meets with local clergy leaders to discuss faith based initiatives

Together with the NAACP South Side Chapter and the Baptist Minister's Conference, Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka held a Faith Based Initiatives Conference at the Progressive Baptist Church, 3658 S. Wentworth in Chicago to discuss issues affecting the African American community.

Topinka addressed ways the Treasurer's office can assist in bridging the gap between government and the religious community. Issues focused on during the roundtable discussion included predatory lending, day care issues, healthcare, job creation and faith based initiatives.

"I think roundtable discussions are a terrific way to learn about the concerns of our communities as well as give me a chance to discuss ways the Treasurer's office can help," said Topinka. "I know that folks out in Washington D.C. have been talking quite a bit about the importance of Faith Based Initiatives and I am happy to say that my office has had them implemented for sometime," she added.

The Treasurer's Office offers numerous programs to provide low interest funding for social projects as well as financial education and money management programs to help people get the

proper financial training to avoid getting into financial trouble.

"Through all of our programs, my office is able to boost Illinois' economy, underpin the needs of the local business base, and improve the quality of life in our communities," said Topinka. "I think it's time we work together with local economic development offices, with religious, business, labor and civic leaders and with those visionaries who want to keep our communities a great place to live."

## Burbank Park District

Burbank Park District will be holding its fall registration on Tuesday, August 28 for residents and Tuesday, September 4 for non residents. Registration takes place at the Newcastle Park Administration office located on 8050 S. Newcastle Ave. Office hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to noon.

Playschool and Preschool programs for the fall season beginning September 17. Special registration will be held for residents only on August 22, 23, and 24. You may register for 2 day or 3 day a week classes. Each class meets 2 hours a day. You must bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and a copy of their shot records at the time of registration.

A variety of dance classes will be offered at the park district from hip hop to ballet starting in September. Special registration will be held, for residents only, on August 22, 23 and 24. Register at 8050 S. Newcastle Ave. For more information call 708-599-2070.

## Office of Citizens' Services

The Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th Street, Evergreen Park, has an employment referral service for those seeking extra income through part time employment opportunities. The service refers to those registered for employment to those seeking assistance with those extra "jobs" around the house.

OCS receives requests for assistance with general house maintenance, lawn care, etc. Other requests include babysitting, elder companionship with light housework, and drivers for errands. If you are interested in any of these "jobs," come to OCS (Room 107) and fill out a registration card to be placed on file. Any Evergreen Park resident who needs assistance with household maintenance, etc. may call OCS 422-8776.

Meals on Wheels Program is available to Evergreen Park residents (60

years and over) who are unable to prepare meals in their home through the combined efforts of PLOWS, the Office of Citizens' Services and Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Meals will be delivered between 11:30 am and noon, Monday through Friday; one hot meal for lunch and one cold meal for dinner.

For more information on cost eligibility, phone Jolene Churak 708-422-8776. If you are aware of anyone who could benefit from Meals on Wheels, please inform them of this program.

## Southside Garden Novices Garden Club

The mission of the Southside Garden Novices is to promote gardening in our community by sharing out talents, time and our re-

sources. We work toward developing community pride, environmental awareness and a love for gardening.

Calendar of events for August and September:

August 5 through October 14, each Sunday from 8:30 am to 10:00 am - drop off (at the Chicago Ridge Village Hall, 10425 S. Ridgeland) your extra garden produce to feed the hungry. All proceeds to a local battered women's and children's shelter.

September 11 - Ted of Ted's Greenhouse presents "Sex in the Garden."

Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of gardening tips, stimulating conversation and friendship. The Southside Garden Novices meet every second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm at the Chicago Ridge Village Hall, please use back entrance. \$2.00 cover charge for non members.

For additional information, contact 708-636-7931.

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## Evergreen Park Elementary School District

Children attending Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 will begin the 2001-2002 school year on Thursday, August 23, 2001. Classes resume on August 23 for children Grades 1 through 8, at 8:40 am with students dismissed for the day at 10:30 am. Friday, August 24, will be a half day of pupil attendance with classes dismissed at 12:00 noon. A regular schedule of classes will begin on Monday, August 27, for all students. School hours for all children in Grades 1 through 8 are from 8:40 am until 3:00 pm.

If the parents of returning students have not received fee packet information in the mail, please call the Business Office at 423-0950 after 8:00 am.

The District Office is open during the summer from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday. Effective August 6, the District Office will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

August 14 has been set as Schedule and Information Pick up Day in each of the schools between the hours of 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and again from 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

## Gensis Day Spa a real success story

by Judi Giglio

Irma Palmer is very proud of her experienced staff that helps her make Genesis Day Spa and Salon a success. Irma has more than 30 years experience and loves her profession. She knows the rewards of making her clients feel good.

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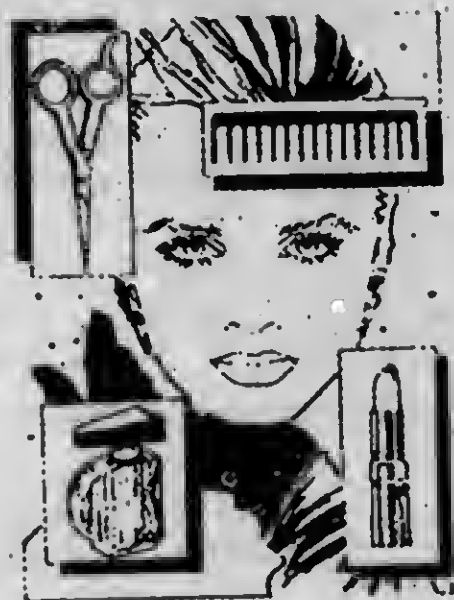
For an appointment call 708-448-0808.

## St. Mary Star of the Sea On Track Singles

2001, beginning at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at Duggan Hall, located at 6435 S. Kilbourn, Chicago. All interested singles are welcome to attend.

The St. Mary Star of the Sea On Track Singles group will hold a general meeting on Monday, September 10

contact John 773-585-8242 or Lucy 773-778-8239, after 7:00 pm.



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## Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy Graduates

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## Midwest Civil War Collectors Show

More than 400 antique dealers from all over our great nation will feature American military items from the Revolutionary War in 1776 through the Indian Wars of 1898.

Thousands of Civil War

items and other American memorabilia will be on display and sold Saturday, September 15 during the 21st Midwest Civil War Collectors Show in Wheaton, IL.

The show will be held from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road, in Wheaton, IL. Just 35 minutes west of Chicago.

General admission is \$5 for adults. Children under 12

years of age are Free with paid adult. Living history people and reenactors are encouraged to attend in uniform and period attire.

For more information about the show, call Bob Nowak at 608-884-3237, email us at [info@mwewcs.com](mailto:info@mwewcs.com) or visit our website at [www.mwewcs.com](http://www.mwewcs.com).

## Celebrate library card sign up month

Children who register or renew their library card during September will receive a "Read to Succeed" pencil. The Youth Services Department would like to remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply that a child can have.

If you are one of the 55,001 library card holders living in Oak Lawn, you may pick up a special gift at their Circulation Desk during "Patron Appreciation Week," September 23-29.

To get an Oak Lawn Public Library Card, you must: 1) be a resident of Oak Lawn; 2) provide preprinted identification showing name and current address; and 3) complete a library card application at the first floor Circulation Desk. Children age

13 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who will need to provide proof of residency and sign the application, assuming responsibility for material loaned to a juvenile patron.

For more information about how Oak Lawn residents can get a library card, call 708-422-4990.

The library will be closed Monday, Sept. 3 in observance of Labor Day. The library is open Monday - Thursday, 9 am to 9 pm; Friday and Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm. They will resume Sunday hours on Sept. 16, which are 1 pm to 5 pm.



For those of us want to have fun closer to home, there are plenty of great excursions coming up.

Do you love chocolate? We do, too, and on September 6th we will have a full day of treats! First stop is Eli's, to see how they make all of those delicious cheesecakes. Our lunch at the Cooking and Hospitality Institute will be remembered for a long time. Stops at Blommer's Chocolates and The Fudge Pot to make

## Military News

Air National Guard Airman Michael F. Shamma has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Frank F. and Irene M. Shamma of Oak Lawn. Shamma is a 1999 graduate of Brother Rice High School in Chicago.

Air Force Airman Crystal D. Muzik has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Larry Muzik of Fairbury, IL and Rosemary Muzik of Oak Lawn. The airman is a 2000 graduate of Prairie Central High School in Fairbury, IL.

yummy purchases are scheduled.

On September 26th, we will travel downtown to take the Great Chicago Fire Tour. Our tour will take us through Mrs. O'Leary's neighborhood, the Chicago Water Tower, and lunch at the Chicago Historical Society's Big Shoulder's cafe

Space is filling up fast, so call Jan Haffner in the Prosperity Club offices at 708/418-2600.

## Advance Bank Prosperity Club sponsors trips

Members and guests of the Advance Bank Prosperity Club are looking forward to travelling to some faraway places in the months to come...places such as London, Tahiti and the South Pacific, Holland, and Belgium.

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## Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirity  
kathywhirity@mymailstation.com



### College Bound

Recently, yours truly, got a crash course in the essence of college life. For some schools, this opportunity for parent and students to get acquainted with faculty and campus is called orientation. To parents and their incoming freshman entering Illinois State University this gathering was a two day Preview.

Bill and I just recently returned from the last Preview session of this semester. Our youngest will be attending there this fall.

After two days of sitting in lecture halls, listening to speeches that covered everything from school schedules to under age drinking, Bill and I learned two very important lessons.

There was one particular session set up so that parents could share their thoughts and feelings about their children leaving for college. I especially found this one beneficial. It was a relief to learn that we are not alone in dealing with mixed emotions of mourning the loss of our daughter to young adulthood, while at the same time feelings giddy with excitement in anticipation of finally having the space and freedom to get to know each other again.

Ironically, it was one mom's comments that helped me put the whole experience in perspective. She shared her newfound revelation that, with her child now gone, she would finally be able to have that sewing room she always wanted. And that's when it hit me -- my daughter is not moving out.

Living away from us on campus is more like going away to camp, only for more extended periods of time. Her room will stay just the way she leaves it because it will still be her room when she comes home to visit. A comforting reality to me.

The other lesson we learned, or to put it more accurately, the lesson drilled in our heads, is that our children are now adults and will be treated like adults. The fact was overly stressed that, as parents, we have no rights, when it comes to our children's affairs. We cannot even find out their grades without their permission. Of course there is one exception to this rule -- we always have the right to pay the bill!

We roared with laughter as speaker Danielle Miller used her motivational skills to convince us, tongue in cheek, that our parental wisdom and doting is really not needed within the realm of college life.

Far be it from me to want to cramp my daughter's style but, I can tell you, I'll be the one sporting a smug smile the first time she calls home looking for some extra cash.

This is such a transitional time of life for both parent and child. Both are struggling with independence and charting a course in unfettered waters. And, ready or not, we'll take the plunge as we welcome each new adventure that comes our way. My baby is college bound, I know she will do just fine and I will too.

As we ready ourselves to pack up the Explorer and drive our little girl towards a new chapter in her life, I hope that the many years we've shared leading up to this destination will find her enjoying the ride.



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On Sunday, August 26, at 3:00 pm, there will be an afternoon of arias, art songs and operetta excerpts by Maria Polit at the home of Vincent and Lorraine Lomoro in Orland Park. Make your reservations at 708-403-0429. Dinner to follow.

On Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm there will be a preview of the new opera season at the Oak Lawn Library, 5300 West 95th Street.

If you have any questions about the Southwest Chapter, or Lyric Opera, contact Jim Fealy at 708-636-5071.

## Office of Citizens' Services

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Evergreen Park senior citizens who experience problems coping with excessive heat are welcome to come to the air-conditioned Community Center for relief. The Center is open from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturdays. We urge residents of the Village, who observe any senior neighbors or friends needing assistance, to notify Jolene Churak at the Office of Citizens' Services, 422-8776.

## Urgent prayers needed

Rebel attacks just two miles away from The Bible League's Skopje office have created fear of an all out civil war, according to Rev. Bob Martin, The Bible League's Eastern Europe Director.

Despite the intense fighting in the area the last few months, The Bible League's staff continues to work trying to bring the Gospel to refugees who have lost everything and are now more open to the Word.

The Bible League uses its "Project Philip" discipleship program throughout the region. Through Project Philip, people are invited by their friends to begin a Bible study. When they complete the course, they are awarded their own New Testament. They can then receive a whole Bible by completing additional lessons with a church member.

Rev. Martin says prayer is desperately needed for Marjan and his workers in Macedonia. "Please pray that they will be courageous during this time," says Rev. Martin.

For more info call The Bible League at 1-866-TBL-INFO or visit [www.BibleLeague.org](http://www.BibleLeague.org).



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# Advice to recent graduates

College graduates are facing a highly competitive job market this year, but if they have the right skills they should have no problem landing a good job. Several DeVry Institute of Technology alumni recently gathered to provide advice to current students and recent graduates about transitioning into a career, navigating in a corporate culture and being successful in a new job.

The alumni agreed that students are more likely to be successful in future careers if they treat school as they would a job. For example, class attendance reflects attendance on the job. A list of tips was compiled to ensure that college graduates can succeed in the workplace. Listed below are some of these tips:

\*Students should utilize experiences gained from classroom presentations and group or team projects in later careers. Learning how

to present their ideas to a group and how to get along with difficult coworkers and clients is key to success.

\*A co-op job or an internship provides valuable experience that makes a student more desirable during an interview. They need to talk to various people who have chosen their future careers to find out what they do as well as what they like and don't like about their jobs.

\*Students should not limit their options before they begin interviewing; they have to be willing to participate in a variety of job interviews. This allows students to develop excellent interviewing skills and may lead them toward a career they might not have originally considered. Before they attend an interview, they should familiarize themselves with the company and its mission, values, culture and future growth. The students' extra work will be evident in the interview

and pay off.

\*They need to also attend job fairs to meet recruiters and ask for business cards; do not limit searches just to the internet.

\*Once students begin their new jobs, they should ask questions and be honest about what they don't know.

\*Once on the job, individuals should learn the corporate structure and chain of command. They should let others hear their ideas, but should not step on anyone's toes in the process.

\*New employees should give coworkers the same consideration they give to

their customers. Airing complaints, rumors, and negative attitudes can come back to hurt them.

\*New employees should become team players and get involved by being visible, but not boastful. They should volunteer to learn new things that will complement their knowledge base and enhance their marketability.

\*Students need to consider their talents, skills and strengths. By paying attention to where they excel and what they enjoy they can find a job in which they will succeed.

A college degree is only a validation of a person's ability to learn on the job. Grades are important, but students must learn to balance their

education with related experience and a solid work ethic. To be successful on the job, students must remember two basic traits -- honest and integrity.

## Forest Preserve of Will County's I & M Canal Bike Tour

"Biking from Rock Run to Lockport," a free, 12 mile bike tour for persons of at least 10 years of age along the historic I & M Canal, will be Saturday, August 25. The tour will leave from the Rock Run Preserve - I & M Canal Access, at 9:00 am and arrive at the Gaylord Building, in downtown Lockport,

around noon.

During stops along the way, a Forest Preserve interpreter will provide historical insights about the I & M Canal and its importance to the 19th Century development of this region.

This is a one way tour. Participants should arrange for someone to meet them at Gaylord Building. Those choosing to do so can return by bicycle to the Rock Run Preserve - I & M Canal Access for a round trip distance of 24 miles.

For additional information, call 815-727-8700, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Rock Run Preserve - I & M Canal Access is located on Empress Road (Houbolt Road), 0.25 miles south of the I-80 overpass in Joliet.

## Governor signs telecommunications rewrite into law

State Representative Jim Brosnahan applauded the recent signing of a comprehensive reform bill that will establish new guidelines governing the telecommunications industry in Illinois. The new law, which took 18 months of negotiation within the General Assembly, will promote competition and ensure better service for consumers. According to Brosnahan, who supported the measure, the rewrite package is a victory for Illinois consumers.

House Bill 2900, the Telecommunications Reform Act, addresses consumers' concerns over poor quality of service and lack of competition.

Specifically the legislation addresses the following:

\* Imposes Service Quality Standards on All Carriers - All carriers must install new telephone service within 5 days, repair out of service complaints within 24 hours, and keep any appointment made by a customer for service.

\* Establishes Flat-Rate Telephone Packages - Requires Ameritech to provide customers a budget package, flat rate package, and enhanced flat rate package of both basic and advanced telecommunication services.

\* High Speed Internet

Access - Mandates that incumbent local exchange carriers, including Ameritech and Verizon, provide 80% of their customers with access to advanced telecommunications services by Jan. 1, 2005.

\* Expands the Lifeline Program - Permits the ICC rulemaking authority to expand the enrollment of low income people into the lifeline telephone assistance program, which helps the poor pay for telephone service.

\* Increases the Authority of the ICC to impose penalties on violators of the Public Utilities Act - Increases the enforcement authority of the ICC to seek injunctive relief to prevent a telecommunications carrier from violating the Public Utilities Act or ICC orders.

\* Imposes new obligations on Ameritech to open its network competition.

"Businesses seldom hesitate to charge customers when they fail to keep an appointment or otherwise compromise their profit margin, yet, consumers have not been awarded compensation when telephone companies have neglected to keep installation and repair dates. This legislation will help ensure that residents, who are often financially dependent on reliable telephone services, are granted the same consideration as businesses," concluded Brosnahan.



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# FOOD FOR SECONDS

## Rotisserie chicken easy to prepare on home grill

One of the oldest ways of cooking chicken -- roasting on a spit -- is the hottest new trend in chicken cookery.

Rotisserie cookery dates back to early man roasting game over an open fire. Rotisserie chicken, popular at supermarket delis, is now the featured item at a soaring number of fastfood outlets. Restaurants are increasingly offering it on their menus.

The National Broiler Council notes that rotisserie chicken is also ideal for the backyard grill.

Whole birds can be roasted plain. Or they can be marinated or seasoned with herbs and/or spices. Brush the chicken with seasoned oil or butter as it slowly cooks to keep it moist and plump. The aroma is seductive!

### Top banana french apple crisp

#### Ingredients, Topping:

1/2 cup wheat germ, any flavor

1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1/3 cup chopped toasted pecans

1/4 cup all purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

4 tablespoons stick butter or margarine, melted

#### Filling:

3 firm ripe bananas, peeled and sliced 1/4 inches thick

1 tablespoon lemon juice

4 cans (8 oz. each) pie spiced apple pieces, well drained

1/2 cup cinnamon flavored or other raisins

Fat free or reduced fat vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt

Fat free caramel ice cream topping

#### Directions:

Heat oven to 400°. Lightly spray 13 x 9 inch glass baking dish with cooking spray.

For topping, combine wheat germ, brown sugar, pecans, flour and cinnamon in medium bowl; mix well. Set aside. For filling, toss bananas with lemon juice in baking dish; stir in apples and raisins. Spoon wheat germ mixture evenly over fruit mixture.

Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until topping is golden brown and fruit mixture is bubbly. Cool slightly. Serve warm or at room temperature with ice cream and caramel topping. Serves 10.

Chicken can be successfully spit roast on an electric rotisserie or a gas or charcoal grill. Cooking times vary so follow manufacturer's instructions. It is best not to stuff birds that are to be grilled on a rotisserie.

The National Broiler Council developed two recipes for rotisserie chicken. Spicy Cuban Chicken gets extra flavor from a lime spice marinade. Rotisserie Chicken with Fresh Tarragon has herbs slipped under the skin before cooking.

The Council also offers these tips for rotisserie chicken:

\*Cook the bird about 2 inches from the heat source. If cooking over charcoal, use a drip pan to catch drippings and prevent flareup.

\*Before mounting on the spit, truss chicken or tie the drumsticks together tightly

over the closed cavity; also tie the wings close to bird with kitchen string.

\*Wrap foil over the wingtips and end of drumsticks to prevent charring.

### Spicy Cuban Rotisserie Chicken

#### Ingredients:

1 large broiler fryer whole chicken (about 4lbs.)

1/4 cup fresh lime juice

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 shallot, minced

2 large cloves garlic, minced

1 teaspoon grated lime peel

2 teaspoons dried oregano

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon ground cumin

1/4 teaspoon pepper

Lime slices

Cilantro sprigs

**Directions:**

Truss chicken or tie drumsticks together. In large glass bowl, mix together lime juice,

olive oil, shallot, garlic, lime peel, oregano, salt, cumin and pepper.

Place chicken in mixture, turning to coat completely. Cover and refrigerate several hours or overnight, turning chicken several times.

At cooking time, pour off marinade and place chicken on rotisserie spit. Cook about 1 and 1/2 hours or until drumsticks move easily in their sockets and juices run clear.

When done, a meat thermometer inserted into the thigh will register 180°F. Remove chicken from rotisserie and place on rack; let sit about 10 minutes. Move chicken to platter and discard strings. Garnish with lime slices and cilantro sprigs. **Makes 4 servings.**

### Rotisserie Chicken with Fresh Tarragon

#### Ingredients:

1 large boiler fryer

chicken, about 4 pounds

4 sprigs fresh tarragon

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

3 tablespoons olive oil

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

1 clove garlic, crushed

#### Directions:

Loosen skin of chicken by running fingers between skin and breast meat; insert 1 large sprig tarragon between skin and meat on each breast half.

In small fry pan, place olive oil and butter; mince remaining tarragon and add to pan. Place over low heat until mixture sizzles; remove from heat.

Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper. Truss chicken and tie legs together. Thread chicken on rotisserie spit and brush on oil herb mixture. Cook about 1 and 1/2 hours or until drumsticks move easily in their sockets and juices from chicken run clear.

Baste several times while cooking. When done, a meat thermometer inserted into the thigh will register 180°F.

Remove chicken from rotisserie and place on rack to stand for 10 minutes before carving. Place on platter; remove and discard strings. Garnish with additional fresh herbs. **Makes 4 servings.**

## Hot off the grill

As you're planning your Labor Day barbecue bash, don't limit your grilled fare to hot dogs, hamburgers and the occasional piece of chicken. Summer is the perfect time to experiment with seasonal vegetables on the barbecue. Whether as a side dish or a main course, your guests will love the tastes and textures of grilled season vegetables.

While all vegetables taste great hot off the grill, firm, ripe vegetables will cook best. Tomatoes, corn, squash, eggplant and asparagus are just a few seasonal favorites. The gourmet experts at 1800Flowers.com offer the following recipe for grilled asparagus:

#### You will need:

32 medium asparagus spears, trimmed to 5 inch lengths

4 tablespoons olive oil  
Salt and ground black pepper to taste

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

1/2 teaspoon granulated garlic powder

6 lemon wedges for flavor and garnish

Remove the tough lower ends of the asparagus and toss spears with olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Season with salt, pepper and garlic powder. Cover and marinate asparagus for two hours at room temperature. Arrange spears on a hot grill spread in a single layer and grill for about 5 to 6 minutes, or until tips begin to brown. Remove asparagus from grill and arrange spears on platter with lemon wedges. This dish can be served hot or cold.

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## Casting call for Annie at Theater Alive Oak View Center

by Georgean Fitzgerald

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre group has announced a casting call for its fall musical, *Annie*. All auditions will be held at Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th Street in Oak Lawn. Children ages 6 through 12 are invited to audition on Sunday, September 9, at 1 pm. Adults and children 13 years and older can audition on Monday, September 10, and Tuesday, September 11, from 7:30 to 10:00 pm. Call backs, if necessary, will be held on Wednesday, September 12.

Executive Producer/Director Dave Heilmann says he is looking for a cast of approximately 50 individuals, including seven principle roles for adults and seven principle roles for children. Interested individuals are encouraged

to come prepared to the auditions ready to sing a song from the musical and to dance in proper attire, says Heilmann.

*Annie* -- based on the Tribune Media Services comic strip of the same name -- will run at the Oak View Center for three continuous weekends, including the weekend of the Thanksgiving holiday: Nov. 9-11, Nov. 15-18 and Nov. 23-25. All shows will begin at 8:00 pm; Sundays will include a 3:00 pm matinee. Tickets for the November shows are currently on sale at the Oak View Center. Prices are \$16/adult, \$15/senior, and \$14/children.

For more information, please call the Oak Lawn Park District at 708-857-2200.

The Steppenwolf Theater continues to offer audiences the best in Chicago Theater. It is truly the epitome of theater alive. In its current offering of *Hedda Gabler* by Henrik Ibsen the cast and crew brings the theater's anniversary season to a brilliant denouement in time.

*Hedda Gabler* is the fierce story of a newly married young woman who grows exasperated and contemptuous of the smug middle class attitudes that permeates her new world now that she is wedded to a genial scholar. Hedda feels that life is a farce that isn't worth seeing to the end. Her situation leaves her powerless and frightened. Cornered and feeling empty in a world too small to contain her strivings, Hedda brings her story to a conclusion that is inevitable and yet unexpected.

The end of the 19th Century was a challenging and divisive time for the women's movement. Having earned the right to a substantial education in the first half of the century European and American women were experiencing feelings of self worth and independence that were completely new to them. American women first gathered for a women's right convention concerning the social, civil, and religious condition of women at Seneca Falls, New York in 1848. There they produced a docu-



## Steppenwolf Theatre Performance of Hedda Gabler

Ensemble members Tom Irwin as Judge Brack and Martha Plimpton in the title role in Henrik Ibsen's *Hedda Gabler*, adapted and directed by Doug Hughes. The production opens on the Steppenwolf Mainstage, 1650 N. Halsted, on Sunday, July 8, 2001. For tickets call 312-335-1650.

ment called The Declaration of Sentiments outlining every condition which in their view kept women inferior to men in the U.S. including their ineligibility to certain fundamental rights such as property ownership and the right to vote. Their actions raised a new awareness of their sta-

tus as second class citizens when they now wanted a place in.

Now in its 26th Anniversary Season, Steppenwolf Theatre Company is a Chicago based international performing arts institution committed to ensemble collaboration and artistic risk

through work with its permanent ensemble, guest artists, partner institutions and the community.

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## Sing-a-long

Kicking off the 2001-02 Paramount Arts Centre's season is Sing-A-Long Sound of Music, a special event on Friday, September 14 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, September 15 at 1:30 and 7:30 pm; Sunday, September 16 at 1:30 pm.

More information regarding this special event can be found at [www.singalonga.com](http://www.singalonga.com), or [www.paramountarts.com](http://www.paramountarts.com).

Tickets for Sing-A-Long Sound of Music are \$20 for adults, and \$12.50 for children and are on sale now at the Paramount Arts Centre Box Office, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora, 630-896-6666 and TicketMaster ticket outlets. Group and senior discounts are available.

## Disney On Ice presents Beauty and the Beast

Tickets go on sale at 10:00 am, Friday, August 17, for Disney On Ice presents *Beauty and the Beast*, a story of enchantment and love that has touched the hearts of audiences worldwide. Disney On Ice presents *Beauty and the Beast* arrives at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, September 26-30, then moves to Chicago's United Center, October 3-7.

Tickets for *Beauty and the Beast* may be purchased at the Allstate Arena box office, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, the United Center box office, 1901 W. Madison Street, and all Ticketmaster locations. To order tickets by phone call 312-559-1212, or visit Ticketmaster online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

Tickets are \$10.75, \$17.75, \$22.75, and \$45 for VIP seating. For general show information, call the Allstate Arena at 847-635-6601, or the United Center at 312-455-4500. For more information about Disney On Ice presents *Beauty and the Beast*, go to [www.DisneyOnIce.com](http://www.DisneyOnIce.com).

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## Homeless pets byte back

Seventeen area shelters and rescue groups have joined Petfinder.com, the oldest and largest virtual animal shelter on the Internet. Nationwide, the website has over 2,500 members and features descriptions and photographs of over 45,000 pets waiting to be adopted. Members keep their lists of pets updated regularly.

New area members are: Animal Welfare League, Chicago Ridge; Chow Rescue Foster Care, Aurora; Recycled Rottis, Riverdale; Great Pyrenees Rescue of Greater Chicago, Ingleside; Chicago Miniature Schnauzer Club Rescue, Highland Park; Midwest Akita Rescue Society, Chicago; Save A Dog, Bannockburn; DuPage County Animal Control, Wheaton; Dekalb County Animal Shelter, Genoa; Midwest Bloodhound Rescue, St. Charles; Pets Without Parents, Manteno; Chicago Community Humane Center, Chicago; Illinois Boston Terrier Rescue, Peotone; Humane Haven Animal Shelter, Bolingbrook; Adopt/IL Dobe Rescue, Naperville; Illinois Alaskan Malamute Rescue Association, Mt. Prospect; and The Critter Corral Guinea Pig Rescue, Steger.

To search for a specific kind and breed of animal, potential adopters can log on

to [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) and enter their search criteria. A list comes back ranked in proximity to the visitor's Zip code. Contact is then made directly with the shelter or rescue group where the animal is housed. The service is free to both potential adopters and to shelters and rescue groups. Many shelters report that over 50% of their adoptions now come through Petfinder.com.

"We estimate that we facilitated hundreds and thousands of adoptions last year," says Kim Saunders, Director of Shelter Outreach at Petfinder.com. But there's much more to be done. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), a Petfinder.com partner, reports that from 8-12 million animals are relinquished to shelters each year. "The numbers are staggering," Saunders says. "Petfinder.com, the ASPCA and the Ralston Purina Company, a Petfinder sponsor, are dedicated to making a difference for these homeless pets with the Petfinder.com website."

Petfinder.com has been recognized by Forbes Magazine as one of the Best 300 sites on the Web, and Family PC named it as one of the top 100 family sites. Other groups wishing to join may do so on the website or by contacting Saunders at 908-810-1976.

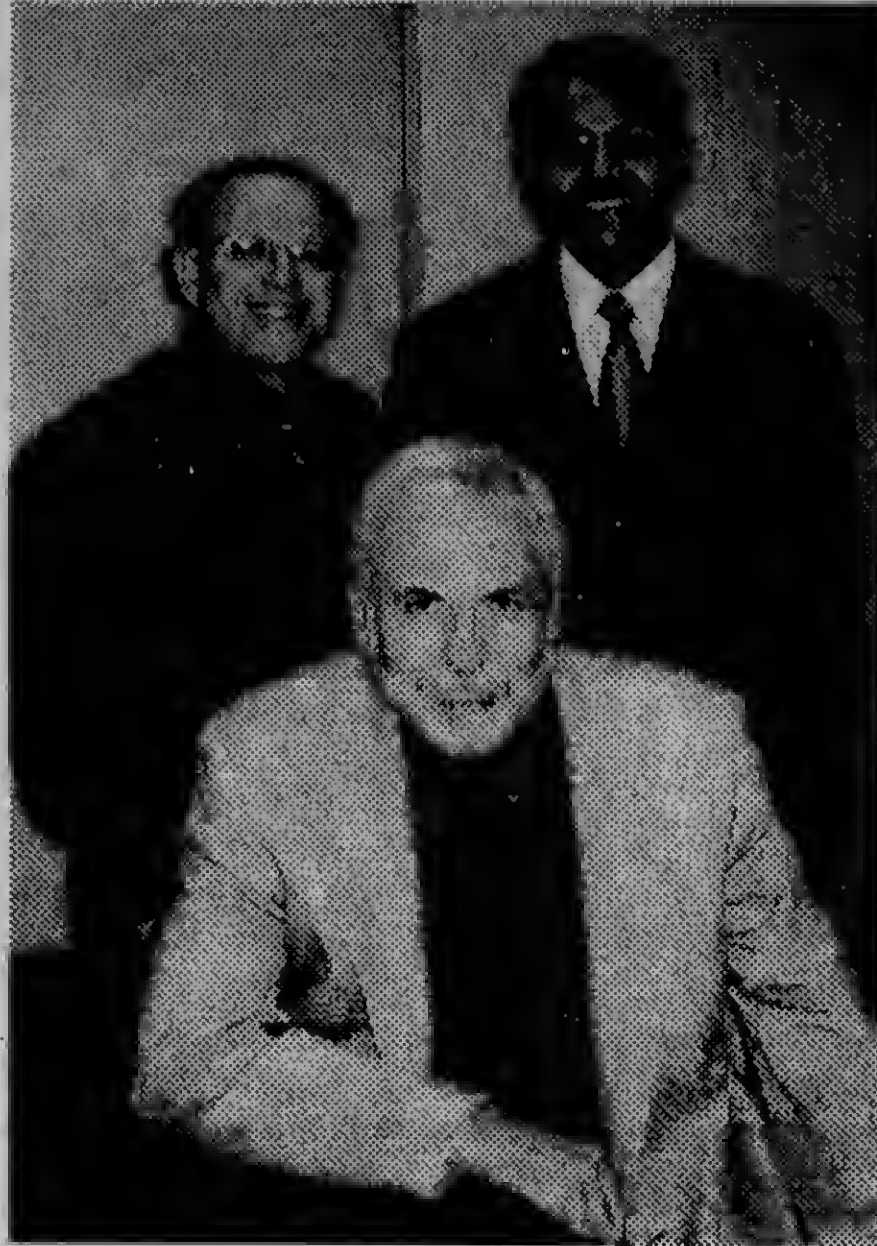


## Little Company presents programs on herbs

Many people today are looking to herbs as a method of maintaining health. While herbs may be beneficial, it is also important to know about proper dosages, precautions and contraindications with other medicines you may be taking. The Cancer Center at Little Company invites you to a free program that will answer many of your questions: "Herbs: The Healing Pharmacy."

Little Company's Gail Santucci, Pharm. D., will lead the discussion at The Center, 2800 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park, in Meeting Room M1 on the Ground Floor on Tuesday, August 21 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Complimentary valet parking is available. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited. Please call 708-229-6001 for reservations.



## Little Company welcomes Dr. Syed Z. Mohsin

Dr. Michael F. Thomas and Dr. Andrew A. Perez welcome Dr. Syed Z. Mohsin, who specializes in internal medicine and geriatrics, to Midwest Primary S. C. at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers. Clockwise: Dr. Andrew A. Perez, Dr. Syed Z. Mohsin, Dr. Michael F. Thomas.

Dr. Mohsin is a board certified internist with training from Loyola University Medical Center in geriatrics and has been in practice in Evergreen Park for the last year. He will share the office with Dr. Thomas and Dr. Perez, helping expand daily office hours, including evenings and Saturdays.

Dr. Mohsin brings the community a great deal of knowledge about the aging person from his broad based

training program at Loyola that includes geriatric evaluation and management, nursing home care, home based primary care, and hospice care. He also has experience specific to older and frail patients in pain management, wound management and nutrition.

To make an appointment with Dr. Mohsin call Midwest Primary Care S. C. at 708-425-9399.

## Animal themed Labor Day festival comes to Oak Lawn

The Oak Lawn Park District's annual Call of the Wild special event returns to the Wolfe Wildlife Refuge, 109th Street and Laramie Avenue, on Labor Day, Monday, September 3, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Activities this year include a one mile dog walk, dog obedience demonstration by park district instructors, a reptile show featuring an eight foot alligator, a teddy bear parade and a dinosaur egg hunt. Non animal activities include children's games, crafts, face painting, and wetlands nature walks. This free afternoon will be topped off with a 1:00 pm concert by The Dooley's, a local band that will play American folk, Irish and other musical styles.

"Call of the Wild is a great end of the summer celebration for kids and families," says Julie Ryan, the park district's superintendent of

recreation. "We hope area residents come out and enjoy the planned activities with us."

For more information, call the Park District at 708-857-2200.

## Tinley Moraine Genealogist

Phillip Costello, Archivist, Circuit Court of Cook County will be speaking Thursday, September 6 at 7:00 pm, doors open at 6:30 pm; at the Tinley Park High School Library, 6111 W. 175th Street.

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## Oak Lawn Village Board Meeting

By: F.J. Soczek

A virulent plague of epidemic proportions is running rampant and out of control throughout the Village of Oak Lawn.

It's called greed.

There is no other way to describe the ugly practice of demolishing reasonably good homes on spacious lots and replacing them with gargantuan monstrosities more suitable for the estates of Oak Brook or Tinley Park.

There is also another equally distasteful practice secretly (and not so secretly) occurring within the confines of our fair Village.

It is called political favoritism, a practice long held sacrosanct in our big city neighbor to the North.

And it can be best described in the words of the late Nelson Algren:

*"One side or a leg off, I'm gettin' mine."*

*"It's every man for himself in this hired air..."*

Angie Gilardi is a local Realtor who wants in on some of the action.

And why not. Everybody's doing it.

It seems Angie appeared before the Planning and Development Commission, a group of eight politically appointed, self righteous guardians of zoning and virtue who vigilantly watch over Oak Lawn's best interests.

Angie wants to sub-divide a recently purchased lot and build two homes on a space which once held one.

The licensed Realtor, with 27 years of experience living and working in the Village, was a bit short in compliance with the "strict" code .228 feet to be exact.

But it appears 23 neighbors feel otherwise, and have protested Gilardi's plan to build homes "valued at \$300,000-400,000 each" in their neighborhood.

The P & DC unanimously rejected Gilardi's request.

The dauntless Realtor took her case to the Village Board, which has the authority to overturn the latter Commission's decision.

Following a typical session of posturing and generally "going through the motions," the Board utilized their now classic maneuver and postponed their decision, "pending further investigation."

The Village code is clear and unambiguous. The lots must meet the minimum 45 feet of frontage.

Eight Commissioners made their unanimous recommendation.

What part of this did the experienced Realtor-cum-land speculator not understand?

Or did she?

How can the Oak Lawn Board of Trustees reject such a clear and unequivocal recommendation by their party cohorts?

It seems a similar plea came before the Board that very evening.

But no one talked about it.

A variance request was made to tear down an existing home and build a new one... on a lot that, like Gilardi's, did not quite comply with the code.

This petitioner apparently received resounding approval from the P & DC, despite its glaring shortcomings.

A lot width variation was required; along with a lot area square foot variation.

And a building area variation as well, not to mention a side setback variation and a garage setback variation.

Yet, the petitioner received full approval from the P&DC.

The Board of Trustees quietly sealed the deal by slipping it through the "Consent Agenda" without comment or discussion.

Angie Gilardi must not be a happy camper at this time. Her plea to build on a 42.72 foot lot was rejected.

The "other" petitioner obtained full approval to build his home on a 25 foot lot.

Does it matter that the successful petitioner is a Village employee?

Or that he stated he would move out if the variance was not granted, opining his house would ultimately be purchased by a "low income individual/family?"

Area resident Lorraine Shimkus literally implored the Village Board to "draw the line" and simply stand by their existing code.

"A foot here, two feet there, where does it stop?" Shimkus argued.

Indeed.

Where does it stop?

## Worth Village Board

By: F.J. Soczek

On Tuesday night following the regular business of the Village Board of Trustees, Worth Mayor Ed Guzdzioł announced the public meeting would be adjourned so the Board could meet in a private "executive session."

"Why bother," meeting regular Steve Werner reasoned, "We'll be reading about it in the newspaper in a day or two anyway..."

Never one to mince words, Werner expressed in his displeasure what many had come to realize, but few had the courage to acknowledge... that someone was providing confidential information to the press.

And the press, whether out of duty or out of profit, published, unashamed, the often discordant details of the recent selection process involving the new Village police chief.

Certain topics are, by their very nature, exempt from discussion pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

Employee hiring and discipline are among the most common. Legal matters, such as pending litigation are also included.

Citing an anonymous "source," one newspaper gleefully portrayed the Worth Board as a group plagued with infighting totally out of character with their public persona.

Sensational? Of course. It was not unlike the proverbial "gapers" who slow down to view the gory details of an automobile accident... Or read about Ted Kennedy's projected demise in the supermarket tabloids.

A frustrated Ed Guzdzioł deferred the subject to Village attorney Matt Delort.

It was unlawful to discuss the specifics of Executive Session meetings, Delort opined, as he mildly reminded the members present of their ethical obligations.

Two Board members were absent from the meeting: Sharon Wierenga and Georgia Duffy.

To date, no newspaper

articles have intimated the content of the most recent closed door meeting.

The Village of Worth is closer to obtaining formal approval to sell fuel at the municipal-owned boat launch.

Currently, the boat launch ramp, as well as the Water's Edge Golf Course are leased by the Village from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

In a recent letter to the MWRD General Superintendent John Faran, District attorney Michael Rosenberg recommended the existing lease be amended to allow the installation of a fuel pump and two 2,500 gallon above ground, double-walled fuel tanks surrounded by a containment wall.

The location will be adjacent the launch along the Calumet-Sag Channel west of Harlem Ave.

A resident inquired about the potential impact the installation would have on future financial obligations of the Village.

As part of the lease agreement, which includes 214 acres of land, the MWRD is entitled to collect 11 percent of the annual

adjusted gross income derived from the properties.

Trustee Kevin Werner gave his assurance profit was the ultimate goal of the project, and it was not the intent of the Village to enter into an adverse financial situation.

In another measure aimed at keeping the Village budget in the black, unanimous approval was given to sell at public auction obsolete and surplus property deemed no longer necessary.

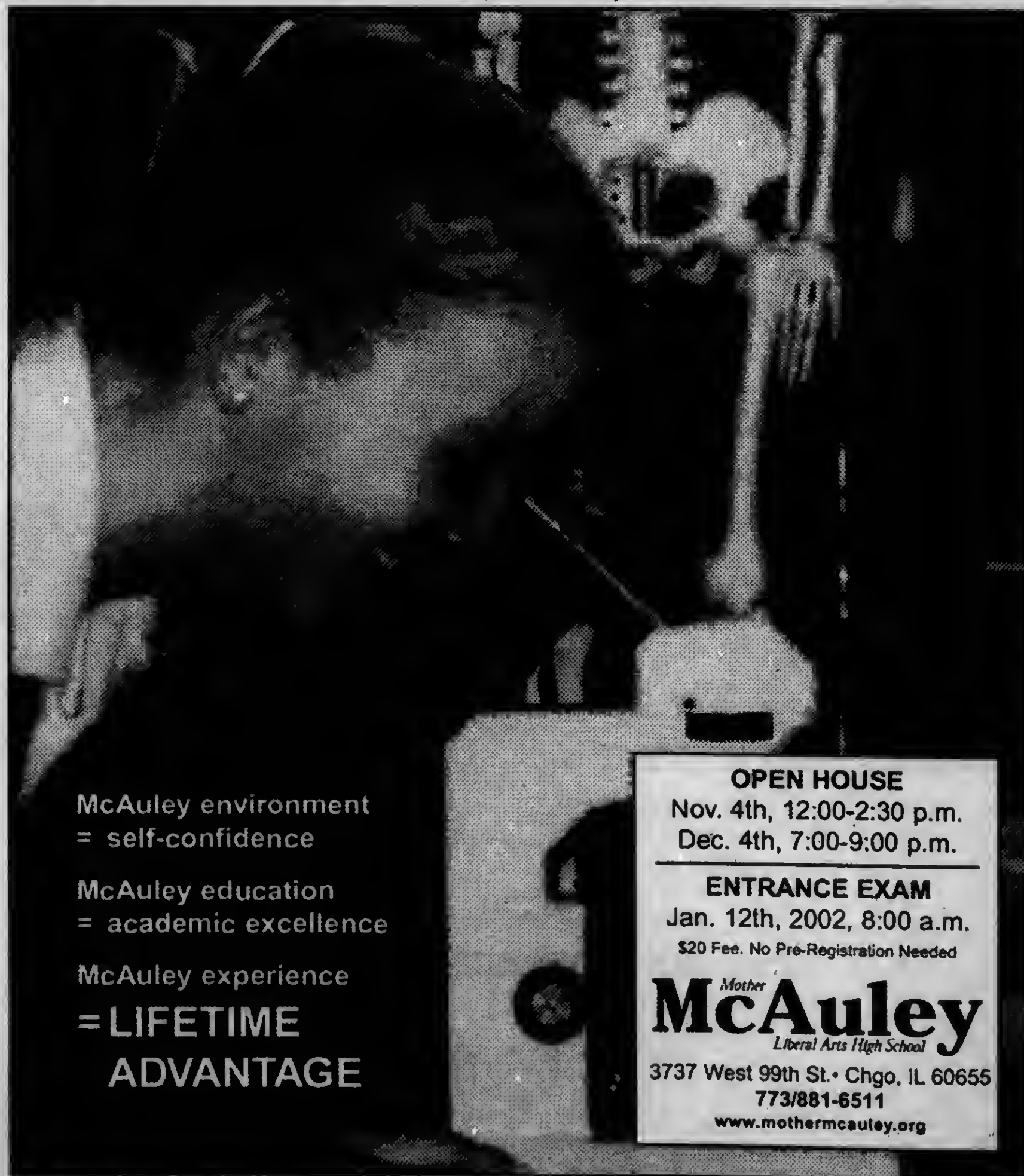
It can hardly be said Worth residents are indifferent when confronted with the expenditure of tax dollars.

One resident suggested the Village charge new businesses for the requisite legal fees billed by municipal counsel.

Mayor Guzdzioł explained the amounts spent are small in comparison to the long term results realized by encouraging a business-friendly reputation.

The recent heavy rains resurrected the perennial problem involving drainage ditch erosion.

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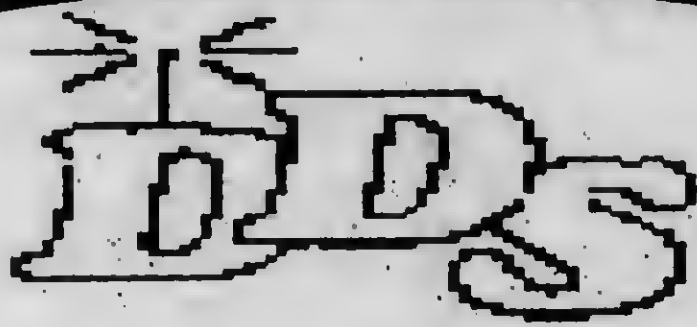
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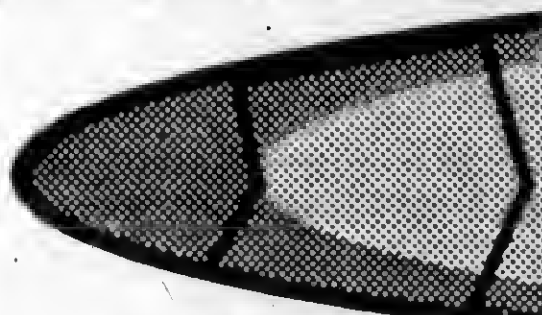
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

## Legislation creates task force to assist the disabled

Addressing the adversity people who suffer from a disability have while trying to obtain access to the workforce, State Representative Eileen Lyons sponsored legislation that creates a workforce task force to oversee and develop an implementation plan to assist them in their struggles.

Lyons' legislation, signed into law by the governor, amends the Developmental Disability and Mental Disability Services Act by creating a workforce taskforce for persons with disabilities. This new task force, comprised of members of the Illinois House of Representatives, the Illinois State Senate, and various other state agencies, will investigate the

factors preventing persons with disabilities from obtaining employment. Upon completion of their study, the group will present an implementation plan to create equal opportunity for the disabled to gain employment.

For additional information or to obtain a copy of House Bill 3392, please visit Representative Lyons' web site at [www.staterep.eileenlyons.com](http://www.staterep.eileenlyons.com).

## Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Finding the right toy for your children to take on a trip can go a long way toward making the trip more enjoyable. To be a good travel toy, an item has to be portable and hold a child's attention. Some parents have started to forgo battery-powered toys for imagination-powered toys, such as Polly Pocket!™. A creative toy that is a fun and stimulating alternative to video games, the line of toys from Mattel revolves around a small doll with a world of fashions and accessories.

## Helping ease Chicago's teacher shortage

In response to a growing need for more city teachers, the University of Illinois at Chicago has initiated an alternative certification program for elementary middle grade mathematics and science teachers desiring to teach in Chicago Public School classrooms.

The Middle Grade Mathematics/Middle Grade Science Alternative Certification Program is a partnership between UIC and the Chicago Public Schools. After finishing summer training and passing required state tests, participants may earn an initial alternative teaching certificate allowing them to teach in the following school year.

The goal of MGM/MGS is to recruit new teachers -- mostly career changers who have not earned certification with an education degree -- to alleviate shortages in city schools where the need for teachers is particularly acute.

According to Victoria Chou, dean of the UIC College of Education, this alternative route to teaching may help give the city a needed boost in certified math and science middle grade teachers to staff elementary school classrooms.

To be eligible for the

program, teacher candidates must be college graduates and prove their knowledge of the subjects they intend to teach. Once admitted, they are introduced to the world of teaching by experienced UIC faculty and CPS teachers.

The teachers in training observe and question CPS teachers working with children. They teach small groups and whole classes while receiving feedback from experienced mentors.

The candidates will begin the upcoming fall term as full fledged classroom teachers. UIC and CPS mentors will support them in their classrooms and at UIC throughout the year.

Candidates that successfully complete the courses and teaching assignment are recommended for certification and receive an initial teaching certificate. After completing four years of teaching, they may apply for a standard teaching certificate with a middle grade endorsement in mathematics or science.

For more information about UIC, visit [www.uic.edu](http://www.uic.edu).



## Police beat night out

About 300 residents from the Garfield-Ridge community attended the annual Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) Beat 811 and National Night Out Against Crime picnic at Wentworth Park, 5600 S. Narragansett, August 7. A representative of the Cook County Sheriff's department (above) fingerprints children for a youth identification program run by the county. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)

## Undeliverable City Stickers posted on City Clerk's website

City Clerk James L. Laski's office has posted the names of individuals and businesses whose 2001-2002 vehicle stickers have been declared "undeliverable" by the United States Post Office and have been returned to the City Clerk's Office. The information is now available on the Clerk's website at [www.chicityclerk.com](http://www.chicityclerk.com).

The website will only list residents and businesses that applied for their vehicle stickers by mail or internet and have not received their stickers thus far.

Residents are encouraged to visit the site to look for their names and if found, should call the City Clerk's

Office at 312-742-9200 to make arrangements to pick the sticker up at the City Clerk's office. Individuals and business representatives must provide proper identification before the sticker will be released.

The deadline to purchase the stickers and affix them to the lower right side of the windshield passed July 15. Motorists who have not yet bought the \$75 sticker are subject to the \$30 late fee and may receive a \$60 failure to display ticket.

## Midway

The Midway Garden Society is hosting a 1 day bus trip to the Sandwich Fair on Friday, September 7. The coach leaves at 9:30 am from Archer and Rutherford. The fee of \$16 does not include lunch. Non members are welcome. For reservations call 773-847-6892.



## Vets hold pig roast

An American Legion Post 1112 representative leads in the opening prayer of the post's annual pig and lamb roast Sunday, August 12 on the lawn of the Heritage Club at 5540 South Narragansett. With a membership of about 250 veterans and an auxiliary of almost 50 women, Post 1112 had enough volunteers to serve about 500 people. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)

## Check Out These Web Sites:

Logitech's QuickCam Traveler at [www.logitech.com](http://www.logitech.com).  
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## Chicago Ridge Public Library eligible for computer grant

The Chicago Ridge Public Library might soon be receiving a computer grant from the wealthiest couple in the world.

According to Chicago Ridge Public Library Director Kathleen McSwain, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's US Library Program has determined that the Chicago Ridge Public Library is eligible to receive a grant as part of a program to place computers, Internet access and other digital information in public libraries throughout Illinois.

"It's not everyday that you learn you might be getting a generous grant from two people who are as well known as Bill and Melinda Gates, so naturally we were thrilled to learn our library is eligible for this important program," said Kathleen McSwain. "More importantly, this grant would allow the Chicago Ridge Public Library to provide computer access to low income citizens who might otherwise not have access to such equipment. Local citizens will be able to send email, get on the internet, and use the computer for other educational and entertainment purposes. Not everyone can afford a computer, but with this grant we can ensure that anyone in

Chicago Ridge who wants to access a computer can have such an opportunity."

Kathleen McSwain said Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White and his staff at the Illinois State Library in Springfield have been working for more than two years to bring the Gates Library Initiative to Illinois public Libraries. Under the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's US Library Program, funding is specifically targeted to libraries serving low income communities where the need for access to computers and technology is greatest.

"We've been told the Gates Foundation will mail an application to us at the end of August. If all goes as we hope and our application is approved, we could have our computer and other equipment as early as next March. The Gates Foundation even sends staff to Illinois to train us on how to use the computers."

"The Chicago Ridge Public Library is very excited to be a part of this innovative program. Bill and Melinda Gates are to be commended for seeking to bridge the 'Digital Divide' and ensuring that all of the citizens of Chicago Ridge have access to computers, the internet and other digital information."

## Mayors of Worth and Orland appear on Ed McElroy's Community in Focus

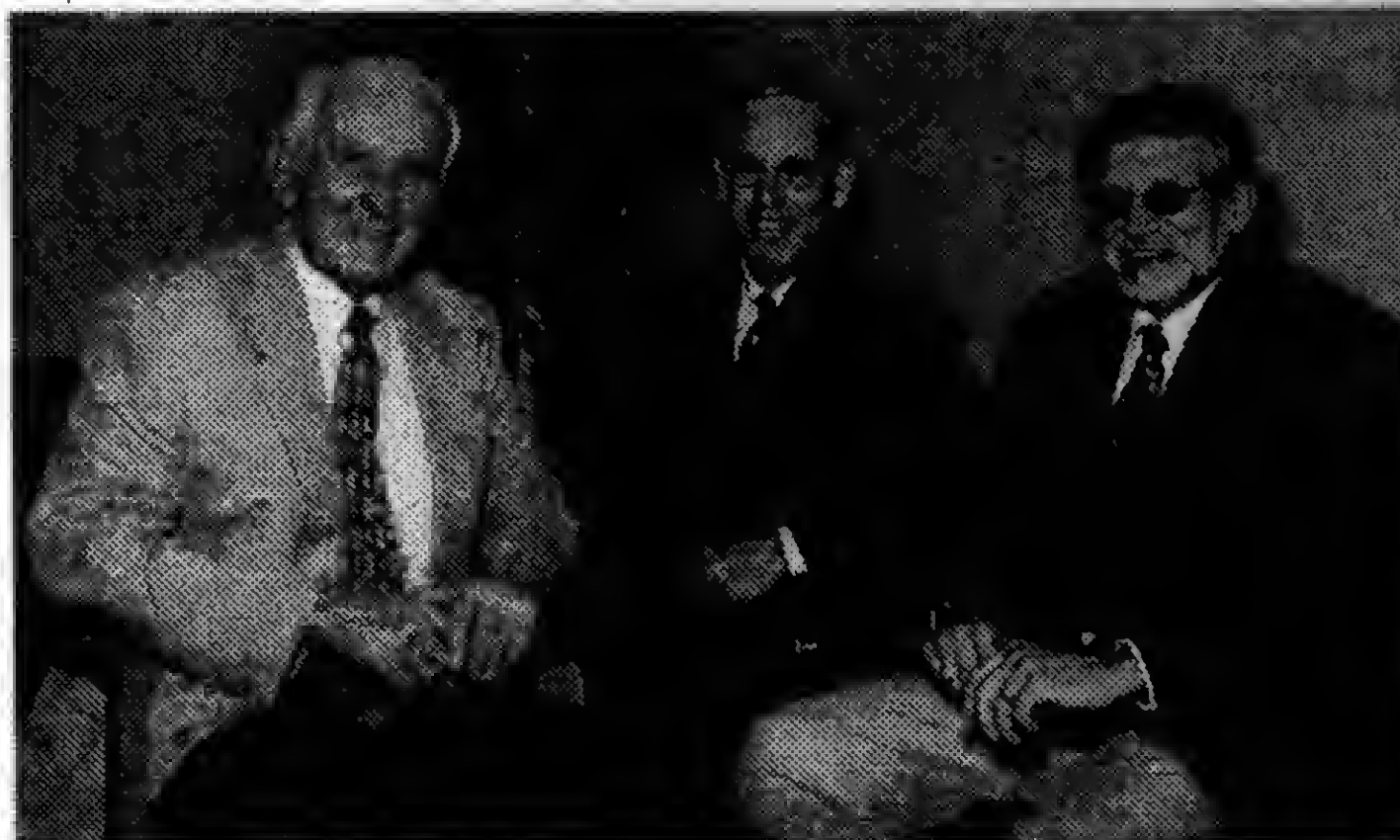
Mayor Dan McLaughlin of Orland Park and Mayor Ed Guzdziol of Worth, were guests recently on Ed McElroy's "Community In Focus" AT&T cable TV show on Channel 43.

Mayor McLaughlin discussed the present activities going on in Orland Park. He also touched on the traffic problems, continued construction of new homes and other issues that will benefit the residents of this fast growing community.

Mayor Guzdziol discussed the current activities going on in Worth, along with commercial affairs, plans for business growth and residents' concerns. Both mayors talked about their political careers.

## South Suburban Small Business Association

South Suburban Small Business Association, serving 69 communities in the south and southwestern Chicagoland area, will hold a Gathering After Hours on Wednesday, August 22, 2001 from 5:00-7:00 pm at Club Mix, 200 Town Center in Matteson, IL.



Pictured from the left is Ed McElroy; Mayor McLaughlin and Mayor Guzdziol.

## Moraine Valley Community College

10900 S. 88th Avenue Palos Hills 708-974-5375

### Substitutes and teachers aides classes

Moraine Valley Community College is offering a one day, four hour Basic Training Program for substitute teachers and teacher's aides on Wednesday, August 15 from 8:00 am until noon in the Moraine Rooms on the second floor of the College Center on campus, 10900 S. 88th Avenue, Palos Hills.

The program prepares substitutes and aides for the orderly transition of a classroom during the anticipated and unanticipated times when teachers are absent from school or their classroom.

The program, offered through Moraine Valley's Educator's Academy, covers a range of topics from establishing rapport to communicating to the regular teacher the essential

highlights of the day.

Presenting workshop topics is Janis Carpenter, a veteran teacher and substitute teachers presently working as a supervisor for student teachers at two universities. In addition, Carpenter is a consultant who speaks at schools for staff development workshops.

For more information call Nancy Burrows, director, Educators' Academy, at 708-974-5413

Cost for five to 10 attendees is \$250 and \$50 each for one to four attendees. To register, call Carol Malina at 708-974-5714.

For the first time a course in World Religions will be offered in the convenient telecourse format at the Evergreen Park Extension Center.

World Religions, meets Mondays, 7-9 pm, Sept. 10, Oct. 1, Oct. 22, Nov. 12, Nov. 26, and Dec. 10. This videotaped course lets you study at home with limited class meetings. Videocassettes are available at the Evergreen Park Library, The Moraine Valley library, and several other community libraries.

World Religions explores the principal world views, typical lifestyles and sphere of influence of the major religions, including Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, Christianity, and others. The course emphasizes comparison of religions and examines themes such as God and the requirements for a moral life.

For course information call Moraine Valley's Alternative Learning Office at 708-974-5710.

## Local students receive scholarships

Twenty-eight local junior high school students were the recipients of more than \$16,400 in scholarship funds from Founders Bank.

The recipients are: Amanda Vroegh, Noelle Corando, Stratos Skarpathiois, Kristina Grbich, Marissa Dremanos, Ashley Stramm, Peter Chrysnathou, Patrick Condon, Joe Thompson, Brett Mavuty, Margorie Koeppen, Karoline Dilger, Eric Gamboda, James Hardy, Noelle Landers, Nick Hurd, Brandon Cotter, Diane Zordan, Nicole Kuzmaniach, Melaine Weytkow, Sarah Laggos, John Haiser, Patrick Bellfer, Mary Henkel, Jaqueline Lombard, Michael Lee, Daniel Finn, and Bridget Turzik.

Tom Bugielski, President of Founders, commented, "I am proud of the students who received our scholarships. It was very heartwarming to hear of their impressive academic achievements and community involvement. Founders Bank is committed to the communities in which we do business."





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## Bridgeview fights fires at Rosebud

by Jude Coyle

On July 30, fire destroyed the home of Ben Jungman, Patricia Lea and Nancy O'Reilly in a matter of minutes. The family lived in the Rosebud Trailer Park at 88<sup>th</sup> and Harlem in Bridgeview.

An engine from Roberts Park arrived first. When firefighters opened the hydrant next to the trailer they found it didn't work. Needless to say, the Park residents are outraged.

The consensus is that the fire was caused when a pot boiled over on the stove and it flared up, catching a cabinet on fire. A grease fire was ruled out. The stove was new, and didn't have an accumulation of grease, and a pot with corn was found on the stove. "The inside of the pot wasn't burned," Bridgeview Fire Chief Terry Lipinski explained.

A lot of factors added to the speed and the intensity of the fire. Chief Lipinski said that an older trailer is made from a layer of siding and then paneling. "It isn't like a house where there is a layer of drywall between the paneling and the siding," he said. The drywall would slow down the blaze. Also, when Mrs. O'Reilly's oxygen tanks burst, the fire picked up speed and heat.

On average, Chief Lipinski guessed that there are 3 or four fire calls a month from Rosebud Trailer Court. "Now that could mean we have two large fires in a month's time, or none at all. Usually it's something small. We're in and out before we're noticed."

When a call from Rosebud is received by Oak Lawn Dispatch, three departments are automatically notified. First is Bridgeview. Two trucks, each carrying 750 gallons of water are dispatched. Roberts Park is

contacted. Their truck can carry another 750 gallons. And North Palos brings in 500. When it's confirmed that there is a structure burning, then Willow Springs is contacted. They carry with them 1000 gallons of water. Chicago Ridge sends an ambulance.

"We can handle a fire in two trailers with that amount of equipment," Chief Lipinski explained. Of course in the older section of the park where the streets are narrow, space becomes a problem.

If more than two trailers are burning, then a "mutual aid card" is pulled. This provides Bridgeview with more outside help. Four more engines, two truck companies and a squad are sent in from nearby departments.

"We carry water normally," explained Chief Lipinski. "We carry extra when we have to go into Rosebud. We know which of the hydrants work and which don't."

According to the information he has at hand, most of the fire hydrants in Rosebud Trailer Park are fed by two-inch water mains. The rest have four-inch mains.

"It's a matter of logistics," Chief Lipinski explained. The trucks carry in enough water to knock down a fire. At the same time, a continuing water supply is sought out, and that's handled in one of two ways. Either another tanker fills up at a hydrant and shuttles water to the fire, or hoses are connected to a hydrant on the perimeter of the park. "You have to think about where you're going. One hydrant might be closer than another, but it's harder to get to, so it's better to go somewhere

else."

Asked about why the Roberts Park firefighter opened that particular hydrant, Chief Lipinski explained. "We practice when we can, but if you're not in there all the time, you don't know. When you need water, and there's a water hydrant right there, your first reaction is to open it. Thankfully we didn't lose any time by doing that."

On Saturday August 25, and Sunday, the 26, residents protested the lack of hydrants in the park. They had obtained a permit from the Village, and sought out police protection. And in spite of a torrential downpour on Saturday, residents carried signs shaped like fire hydrants outside of the Park entrances.

"I did my two hours," said one man. "But I was disappointed by how many people showed up. There were only about ten at a time. I mean it from my block, it was me and my neighbor across the street."

"I don't understand this. There are 980 units here, and we pay \$400 a month in rent. That comes to about \$400,000 a month. They say it'll cost about \$250,000 to lay new water main. Why can't they take one month's rent to do that?"

## St. Fabian Phoenix

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group would like to invite everyone to their speaker night on September 27 and will feature Michael Azzaline. Mr. Azzaline will speak on "Problem Solving, Setting Goals."

708-458-8923 or Tom and Marianne 708-499-5377.

## Privacy and protocol go hand in hand

By F.J. Soczek

On Tuesday, August 14th, lines of Oak Lawn residents snaked through a roped-off maze in a last minute rush to purchase their vehicle stickers.

At about 9:00 a.m., a commotion was taking place within the "fishbowl," a tiny glass cubicle in the Municipal Center lobby where the Oak Lawn police routinely conduct their various business matters.

Inside, Detective Randy Hall was conducting an "interview" with a man and teen-aged girl.

The "fishbowl," as it is commonly referred to because of its inherent lack of privacy, was only several feet away from the dozens of people patiently waiting in line.

The line moved slowly past the little cubicle. Very slowly.

The young girl was visibly upset. Voices turned from a normal, conversational dialog to a violent argument.

Words became shouts. Loud, ugly accusations emanated through the open window. Drugs. Cocaine.

Detective Hall leaned back in his chair, arms folded across his chest as he passively listened to the painful domestic tumult.

And the captive residents in line listened as well.

They had no choice.

Several people in line awkwardly looked the other way, desperately wanting to distance themselves from the public embarrassment and humiliation taking place.

Detective Hall merely continued his interview, business as usual.

Oblivious to the feelings of the young lady and gentlemen inside.

And those waiting in line as well.

The people of Oak Lawn are entitled to professional behavior from their duly sworn public officials.

Confidential matters such as those being "discussed" within the public cubicle should have been conducted elsewhere within the huge administration building.

And common courtesy dictates Detective Hall should have secured a private room for his interview.

Village Clerk Jayne Powers passed by as the discordant situation was occurring.

It was brought to her attention.

Jayne Powers looked the other way. And ignored the plea.

Mayor Ernie Kolb was immediately appraised of the dilemma.

"That's the way we've always done it," Kolb responded.

Indeed.

If one adhered to such fallacious logic, Americans would still own slaves and women could not vote.

Detective Hall stated he was "busy" and did not have time to discuss the subject. Oak Lawn police Sgt. Tom Scott was then called and dutifully, he listened to a synopsis of the problem.

Scott was pleasant and cordial. Ironically, he requested the matter be discussed outside the building.

Oak Lawn police regulations (7.1) require: "Officers and civilians of the Department who receive

any complaint against any Department personnel, named or unknown, from any source, citizen or agency, oral or written, signed or anonymous, shall take such complaint in its entirety in a courteous and efficient manner."

Sgt. Scott followed the latter guideline in a most gracious manner.

A copy of the complaint was formally requested through the Freedom of Information Act."

There is no record on file of the protest rendered to Sergeant Scott.

Additional departmental regulations (7.2) state: "An officer or civilian receiving a complaint shall immediately comply with current policy and procedure for recording, handling and transmitting the complaint, all notifications, shall immediately be made..."

Sgt. Scott was caught up in a most awkward ethical dilemma.

Should he document this serious complaint in writing, and possibly subject Det. Hall to disciplinary action?

Recently Oak Lawn police officer Carlos Panthera broke the traditional *Code of Silence* with a formal complaint of professional misconduct.

And paid for his mistake with his job.

Why didn't Sgt. Scott document in writing, the legitimate complaints directed toward his fellow officer?

Indeed. Why?



# Thomas the Tank Engine comes to Union, Illinois



Lance, Baby Henry, and Brother Benjamin take a ride with Thomas the Tank Engine.



## 97th street west of Central now has sidewalks

Third District Robert Streit should be proud of the new sidewalks along 97th street in Oak Lawn.

It has been 30 years that this editor has seen sidewalks for the pedestrians. What an accomplishment.

Children walked on the street for years back and forth to Columbus Manor and Oak Lawn High School, but now they will be able to use the wonderful sidewalks for their safety back and forth to school.

## Free blood pressure screenings at farmer's market

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings at the Village of Oak Lawn's Farmer's Market, one block south of 95th Street between 52nd and Cook Av-

enues, on Wednesday, September 19 from 8am-noon. This free monthly program will resume at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street on Wednesday, October 17 from noon-2pm in the lower level meeting room.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Christ Hospital and Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses,

schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call Peggy Daudell at Christ Hospital, 708/346-3289



William D. Goodfellow

Village View congratulates William D. Goodfellow, Reference Services Department Head. The Illinois Library Association has selected William D. Goodfellow to be the 2001 recipient of their prestigious Reference Services Award. Over the years, he has created numerous indexes for our collections, including automotive repair manuals, local newspapers and the library's local history archives. Access them on our website at [www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

## Celtic Fest comes to Grant Park

Celtic Fest Chicago will be held September 15 & 16 in Grant Park. The fifth annual festival will celebrate the traditions from the Celtic regions of Brittany, France; Ireland, Galicia, Spain; the Isle of Man; Cornwall; Wales, Nova Scotia, Canada and the United States from 11:30am-9:30 pm each day.

The musical ancestry of the Celts dates from 700 BC and can be traced from the British Isles to Northern Spain, to the Coast of France to the Black Sea.

Headliners on the Petrillo Bandshell include De Danna (Ireland), Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham (Scotland), Kila (Ireland) Billy McComisky (Chicago) and Daithe Sproule (Ireland).

A special Celtic Fest Kick-off Concert will be held on Friday, September 15 at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Street, presented by the Mayor's Office of Special Events, the Department of Cultural Affairs and the St. Andrew's Society; featuring music by Scotland's beloved Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham.

The fest will also offer an Art Fair, a Bagpipin Circle with a massed band each day at 3 pm, a Performing Arts Stage and a kid's area. A Harp Tent, showcasing the talents of professionals and students alike will be available, featuring the incomparable Alison Kinnaird of Scotland and Ireland's Grainne Hambly, a world-class harpist. The Francis O'Neill Tent will showcase the sound of the Academy of Irish Music during the day and other talented performers after 6 pm. The evening showcase will offer an impressive selection of favorite local bands and singers, including a sing-a-long with the Irish Heritage Singers.

New this year are the Celtic Highlands Games on Saturday, September 15 from 11:30am-4pm in Butler Field, Grant Park. Various Scottish traditional games will be demonstrated.

For more information, call the Mayor's Office of Special Events Hotline at 312/744-3315. Visit the website at [www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents](http://www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents).

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## Little Company holds Spring Children's grief support program

The Heart Connection Program at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, a grief support group for children, will begin on Monday, September 10 from 6:15 to 7:30 pm at Little Company.

The program encourages children to express their feelings within their own age groups through play and creative activities. The Heart Connection meets weekly for nine sessions. Each session is lead by trained co-facilitators who will help the children express grief and enhance their coping skills.

"The program gave my kids the opportunity to talk and to be around kids who've had the same sort of loss. Before the program, they didn't want to bring stuff up with me, but now we talk a little more everyday," says Sally Fitzgerald of Chicago, a participant in a recent program.

Through the support of fellow participants and group activities, the program helps the entire family talk about their loss and helps them feel they're not alone.

"Children grieve too, but often not like adults. Sometimes unresolved grief can affect their future responses to life. Heart Connection helps them understand and express their pain and develop coping skills that will help ensure a happier future after the death of a loved one," says Peg Schneider Little Company Chaplain and Coordinator Bereavement Services of the Pastoral Care Department.

This free program fills quickly, so pre-registration is required. For more information, please call the Pastoral Care Department at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers 708-229-5480.

## Oak Lawn Camera Club meets at Oakview

The first meeting of the 2001-2002 season of the Oak Lawn Camera Club will be held at 7:30 pm on Friday, September 7th. The meeting will take place at the Oakview Community Center at 4625 W. 110th Street in Oak Lawn. The program will be the annual Vacation and

Outings competition. Non-members who are interested can bring in both prints and slides to be judged.

The second meeting of the month will be held on Friday, September 14th at 7:30 pm at the Oakview Center. The program, "Seeing Photographically", will be given by Len Rodeghiero, a long time photographer. In the program Len will explain what to look for when taking pictures.

Please call Betty at 708/534-1912 or Len at 708/849-5961.



## Commander Quintos to address the Senior Club

Commander Bruce Quintos, of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Law Enforcement Division, spoke before The Senior Club, Monday, August 27 at 1:30 pm in the Senior Center, 4525 W. 95th Street in Oak Lawn.

Kim Kalowski, coordinator, announced the commander will explain how the officers control the Cook County Forest Preserves.

Commander Quintos joined the Department in June 1980. In November, he was assigned to work detached detail with the Illinois Department of Law Enforcement's undercover narcotics group known as the M.E.G. Unit. Quintos worked as an undercover narcotics agent making a record number of arrests in the Cook County Forest Preserve. He was promoted in 1988 to Field Operations Commander.

## Community High School District welcomes new teachers

District 218 welcomes the following new teachers, some of whom will teach at more than one school, to its instructional staff for the 2001-2002 school year:

*Eisenhower High School*  
Constance Alvarado, Math

Nathan Beebe, Industrial Technology

Neil Dughetti, Science  
Susan Hodges, Special Education

Nicole Meinheit, English  
Kerri Moses, Special Education

Chris Nicholson, Industrial Technology

Larry Resendez, Junior Reserved Officer Training Corps, US Marines

Joyce Seaton, Business Education

Amy Stevens, English  
Cheryl Wendt, Science

Kati Whittingham, Special Education

*Richards High School*  
Ryann Connors, Special Education

Nicole Esposito, English  
Janie Evans, Family and Consumer Science

Shannon Falk, Science  
Ralph Fisher, Business Education

Beth Janus, English  
Maria Malo, Science  
Christopher Milo, Science  
Jaime Meyer, Music  
Manuel Montes, Social Studies

Christine O'Reilly, Industrial Technology

Tim Prost, Science

Todd Reczkiewicz, Industrial Technology

Rachel Schwartz, Foreign Language

Karen Warmbir, Social Studies

*Shepard High School*  
Pamela Adams, Business Education

Christina Adduci, English  
Kris Bettinardi, Special Education

Dustin DeFrates, Math  
Rebecca Davis, Industrial Technology

Juanita Lopez, Foreign Language

Sherry Moseler, Art  
Mandy Milcarek, English

Debbie Shannon, Family and Consumer Science

Cheryl Snider, Math  
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*Aspen High School*  
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## O'Malley secures additional benefits for Chicago retired teachers

Chicago teachers who were granted early retirement in 1993 will get additional benefits thanks to State Senator Patrick O'Malley, who has long fought to give Chicago teachers the added benefits.

O'Malley's House Bill 2157 was signed into law August 17.

The 18th District Senator says the new law is necessary because just one year after many Chicago teachers took early retirement in 1993, another early retirement option was offered. Many of the teachers who retired in 1993 felt that if they had waited just one year, they would have retired with a higher salary and a higher pension. O'Malley has fought for several years to correct this disparity.

"Retired Chicago teachers have long deserved this boost in benefits," O'Malley said. "When these teachers were offered early retirement in 1993, they not only left behind a career in a noble and rewarding profession, they also gave up the boost in retirement benefits they would have received if the early retirement had instead been offered in 1994. This new law gives these Chicago

teachers the benefits they deserve."

The new law provides those teachers with additional year of creditable service and a corresponding year of age enhancement. It recalculates retirement annuities for retirees under the early retirement program of 1993 using the average salary for the three highest consecutive years (instead of the current four year average) within the last 10 years of service. The law also requires no additional contribution from the retirees.

The additional benefits are retroactive to the date retirement annuities began. Qualifying retirees will receive a lump sum payment equal to the difference between annuity payments paid before the date of recalculation and the recalculated amount.

## Sunday hours resume at Oak Lawn Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Avenue, will resume Sunday hours on September 16, open 1pm-5pm.

## Office of Citizens' Services

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### Evergreen Parkettes

Since OCS introduced line dance classes in 1995 many of the participants have been coming to a class every Monday. With a little encouragement from OCS and instructor Miriam Calzaretta, another OCS volunteer group was formed. They chose to be known as the Evergreen Parkettes. Throughout the year they take their show on the road, sharing their talent and time.

If you would be interested in having the Evergreen Parkettes perform for your organization, please contact OCS Services Director Jolene Churak.

## H e l p

During the month of September, Coldwell Banker's Oak Lawn Office is sponsoring a drive to help abandoned and abused animals through the local animal shelters. If you can donate anything to help, would you please call 708-424-4000 for a list of items most needed or just stop in at 5840 W. 95th Street. Thank you.

### Chicago Architectural River Cruise

One day trip planned by Office of Citizens' Services on Friday, September 28 and leave at 10:45 am from the Community Center and return at approximately 4:45 pm. The fee is \$58.

Trip begins with lunch at Joe's Crab Shack, followed by a quick tour of this year's City Sofa Art. The 1 1/2 hour Chicago River Cruise is historically accurate and includes facts relating the story of Chicago's architectural diversity.



Police sketch of the suspect involved in Sarniak's case

## Memorial for Michael Sarniak held at I&M Canal bike trail

and police still search for his killer

The family of Michael Sarniak, Sr. is hosting a 1 Year Anniversary of Remembrance Ceremony to honor the slain role model and Postal Service Employee on the anniversary of his homicide at the I&M Canal Bike Trail in Channahon, Illinois, the site of his death.

The Ceremony will begin at 11:30 am, when the Sarniak Family will present a Memorial Park Bench to the Illinois Department of Natural Resource, in honor of Michael and all victims of homicide.

Sarniak was the victim of a brutal homicide on September 10 at the I&M Canal Towpath. A suspect is still being sought by Channahon Police and the Will County Sheriff's Office.

Sarniak was 48 years old and husband to Rose and father of Michael Jr., David and Tim. He'd been going to the Channahon area for at least 20 years, according to his sister-in-law Mary Sarniak. "It was his home away from home," Mary Ellen said. "He spent time fishing, hiking and biking along the towpath. He was a genuine nature lover."



## Moraine Valley welcomes new SBDC director

Moraine Valley Community College welcomes Dawn Milani as its new Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Director. As director of the SBDC, Milani will be directing services designed to assist area companies with business planning and loan proposals, as well as marketing, advertising, and other management strategies.

Milani is a certified public accountant with a B.B.A. in Accounting from the University of Iowa, an M.B.A. from DePaul University, and

an M.A. from the University of Chicago's Irving B. Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies.

For the past three years, Milani has been an independent consultant working with companies to provide business development, project leadership, and business analysis functions. Previous to that, she worked with several large companies and was responsible for marketing and sales activities to support the sale of accounting and distribution systems software.

Services of the SBDC are provided free of charge and on a one on one confidential basis. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Kris Nelson at 708-974-5468.

## Oak Lawn Chamber

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will meet for their next monthly luncheon Tuesday, September 11 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Avenue. The social hour is at 11:30 am and lunch will be served at noon. For reservations, call 708/424-8300.

## Public hearings held on child support collection

The House Task Force on Child Support Collection and Enforcement, chaired by State Representative Eileen Lyons (R-LaGrange), held the first of three statewide public hearings recently. The task force heard testimony from representatives of Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago, Voices for Illinois Children, California Department of Child Support Services, and the National Conference of State Legislators Children and Families Program.

The House Task Force on Child Support and Enforcement is a bipartisan task force created at the request of Rep. Lyons to seek a solution to the thousands of complaints stemming from problems incurred by child support recipients. Members of the task force met in the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago to explore the possibility of forming an independent agency to oversee the establishment, collection, disbursement and enforcement of child support in Illinois.



Genesis Day Spa staff includes: Left to right, top row, Regina Palvas, Maryann Grajek, David DeYoung, Jessica Waters. Bottom, left to right, Paulette Bratko, Annie Cairo, Irma Palmer and Jeanne Carroll.

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## Lou Holly succeeds

by Jude Coyle

It took about six months before Lou Holly's new limousine's business, All Charter, Inc. began paying the bills. "I had clients right away," Lou said. When he drove for someone else, customers requested his services regularly. "The best business comes from the guys who take limos to the airport once a week, or twice a month. I had about four of these guys who promised to use me when I mentioned that I wanted to start my own business. And I had friends who were in the wedding service business willing to throw work my way."

The items most needed to open a limousine business are a vehicle, insurance, wardrobe, cell phone and business cards. The vehicle is the major investment. It can be leased or purchased, and it can be a Lincoln or Cadillac sedan, or even a stretch limousine.

Lou started with a brand new white stretch limousine. "I had a friend," Lou explained, "who had a line of antique limos." Lou told how he received work from his friend when his friend's customers requested something modern, preferably with air conditioning.

The next thing is insurance. This can be paid on a monthly basis.

After that, Lou mentioned clothes. Limousine drivers should dress in suits or tuxedos. "Black and gray are professional and formal looking," Lou commented.

When first getting started, Lou recommends purchasing clothing at second hand stores. "Remember, these are work clothes," he said. "I once bought a double breasted gray sports jacket. It was perfect. Not a thing wrong with it. I paid \$1.25."

A cell phone is necessary to receive calls, and there are many companies offering deals on new phones and on phone services. The last necessity is business cards. One thousand can be purchased for as little as \$15.

"The best way to learn the business is to work for someone else first... Learn while you're getting paid," Lou said. Still, once having committed himself he had a lot more to learn. How could he find more business? How should a limousine driver charge? How does a driver keep his customers happy? What is the best way to handle road rage or dissatisfied customers? How often should one change the oil or the front brake pads on a limousine?

"I felt a void," Lou said. "I couldn't find anything on the limousine business... I could have used something." It took a number of years, but he did learn a lot from experience.

Then one night while watching an infomercial and another get rich quick scheme on t.v., it occurred to him. He should write a book, and explain those things that took him so long to learn.

So he did. In How to Succeed in the Limousine Business, he describes how to find customers, the types of fares, contracts, establishing prices, financing, when to turn down a job, how to maintain the vehicle, what to keep in the glove compartment, the

type of beverages to keep on hand, etc.

Lou also made a video to go along with the book. "A labor of love," he said. "I wrote the script, filmed the scenes, did the voice over and picked the music. The only thing I didn't do was edit it."

"I took the book to KC Graphics, Inc. in Bridgeview for printing. This way I kept my hand in the production. I brought them several last minute changes. It was worth it having it this close to home." Lou is a resident of Hickory Hills.

"I'm asking for \$44.95 for the book and video," he said. "The new driver will make up the price on his very first airport shuttle. I'm find, too, that someone who has been in the business for two or 3 years is learning from my book and earning more because of it."

One of the perks of the job is meeting celebrities. "Keanu Reeves never turns down an autograph," Lou said. "I wouldn't blame him if he did. Some celebrities need time alone."

One of Lou's special memories is a night when he drove a Chicago based actress to a Frank Sinatra concert at the Civic Opera House, and then to the Pump Room later. He was instructed to wait outside for forty-five minutes, and then come in to check on the actress. When he did come in, Frank Sinatra invited him to dinner.

The hardest fare, Lou said, is a bachelorette party. Usually the bride and her bridesmaids are out for a rare drink and too easily overdo it. Many times one will become ill. Then it's a matter of cleaning up her mess and getting the smell out of the upholstery and

the carpeting.

Proms have changed over the years, Lou said. "I remember when the boys would try to climb on through the sunroof while I drove." Now, he says, school officials are more concerned about drinking and drugs. Proms are not the wild nights they used to be.

"In this book," Lou said, "I kept myself out of it. I wanted to talk about the business. I'm writing another book about my experiences. The working title is 'The Longer the Better.'"



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## Fun fall activities at Shedd Aquarium

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For guests visiting in September, regular admission (Wednesday-Sunday) to see all the Shedd has to offer is \$15 for adults and \$11 for children and seniors.

September begins winter hours, which are 9am-5pm on weekdays, 9am-6pm weekends. Phone the Shedd at 312/939-2438 or visit [www.sheddaquarium.org](http://www.sheddaquarium.org). Shedd Aquarium is supported by the citizens of Chicago through the Chicago Park District.

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Dury Lane Theatre is located at 2500 W. 95th Street in Evergreen Park, two miles west of the Dan Ryan Expressway, 20 minutes from downtown Chicago. Valet and free self parking are available.

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## Treasurer to host a Rooftop Party

The Committee to Elect Maria Pappas, Cook County Treasurer, is hosting a Rooftop Party to honor her at Pegasus, 130 South Halsted.

The event will take place Wednesday, September 12, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Further information can be obtained by calling Mary Diab at 708-209-1524.

Cook County Treasurer Pappas is serving her 1st term in this capacity. Prior to being elected Treasurer, Pappas served as Cook County of Commissioner for two full terms.



# BACK-TO-SCHOOL



## Education News & Notes

### Pointers For Parents

#### Reducing School Stress

(NAPS)—Whether before school actually starts or once it's underway, parents and students can develop simple strategies to reduce the stress and anxiety that can come with the school year.

Begin by establishing daily routines. According to Harvard child psychologist Dr. Larry Kutner, a.k.a. "Dr. Dad," this is especially important for young children since they have more difficulty with transitions. One way to do this is to practice your morning schedule the week before school actually starts. Find out how long it takes to get up, get dressed, eat breakfast and head out the door. This will help alleviate any last-minute morning hassles.

Designate a space in your home specifically for doing homework. It may be better if this area is not in the child's room because there are often too many distractions there. Developing good study habits at an early age will help your child improve responsible behaviors long-term.

Discuss how your children might deal with bullies and other situations that concern them. If your children are prepared to deal with difficult circumstances, there will be fewer problems and worry when they arise. For strategies on discussing these issues with your younger children, Dr. Kutner recommends [www.tonystime.com](http://www.tonystime.com), a program developed jointly by Stand for Children and Tony's Pizza. The Web site features tips and activities that teach children about responsibility, respect, rules and relationships.

Review safety and school



**It's Important for children to understand how to safely board and exit a bus, as well as how to cross streets before and after school.**

rules with your children to avoid any confusion. Discuss what is appropriate to bring into a classroom and what is not.

Set a time each day to talk with your children about their school day. This conversation could take place during dinner, in the car or right before bed. Have reasonable expectations for what the conversation will be like. Asking, "How was school today?" is likely to get a standard response of, "Fine." Asking more specific questions such as, "What was the most interesting thing you learned today?" may be a better way to start a conversation. Which ever approach you choose, it's important to maintain an open dialogue with your children and be aware of their daily activities and what they are learning.

Most important, be enthusiastic. Acknowledge your children's concerns about the challenges of the school year, but help them get excited about learning and making new friends. All this can pave the way for a successful school year.

#### The Facts Of Learning

	Museums	Books	Television News	Newspapers	The Internet	Radio	Magazines
One of the most trustworthy	38%	18%	10%	8%	5%	3%	3%
Very trustworthy	49%	43%	39%	28%	18%	74%	19%
Somewhat trustworthy	10%	31%	25%	47%	37%	51%	53%
A little trustworthy	7%	4%	8%	11%	15%	14%	14%
Not very trustworthy	0%	1%	5%	7%	13%	7%	10%
(don't know)	1%	2%	1%	0%	11%	0%	2%
Total trustworthy	87%	61%	49%	34%	23%	28%	22%
Total Not trustworthy	13%	36%	50%	65%	66%	77%	76%

**A recent survey found museums to be the most trusted source of information among respondents.**

(NAPS)—A recent survey showed when it comes to learning in the information age, most Americans are careful to consider their sources.

What may surprise some people is that for nine out of 10 respondents, the information source most trusted is museums (books ranked second at 61 percent).

In addition, the survey—commissioned by the American Association of Museums (AAM)—found Americans consider only schools and libraries to be more important educational resources than museums.

According to AAM president Edward H. Able Jr., the study showed the public's high level of trust for museums may be based on three things: The fact that museums present history, are research oriented and deal in facts.

Able adds the survey also found people trust museums because they provide "first hand interactive experiences" and "represent an independent source of objective information."

"A 1998 book, *The Presence of the Past*, which documents

public trust in museums' treatment of history," says Able, "indicated that Americans believe museum accounts of history even more than first-hand accounts by their own relatives."

The AAM cites increased museum attendance (nearly 60 percent of Americans say they have visited a museum, zoo, botanical garden or science center since the year 2000) as further evidence of people's esteem for museums.

Able's organization represents the American museum community. The group assesses and accredits museums, helps train museum professionals and operates international museum programs. The group strives to keep museums operating at a high standard of excellence.

"Museums view this (public trust) as an awesome responsibility, reflecting not only what they have done in the past, but also the public's ongoing expectations about museums as educators of the American people," says Able.

For more information, visit [www.aam-us.org](http://www.aam-us.org).

#### Top Ten Accessories For Students

(NAPS)—When looking for their own back-to-school style, many students are taking a walk on the wild side this season, and separating themselves from the pack with metallics, animal prints and fur.

"Students want to personalize their style with backpacks, binders and other items that reflect their individuality. They start with a basic product and accessorize it with key-chains, picture frames or stickers to make it their own," said Petter Knutrud, Staples' senior product manager.

According to Knutrud, students will use these Top Ten products to express their unique style:

1. Original Book Sox, a washable, non-shrink fabric book cover in a variety of patterns and colors, are engineered to stretch over hard-covered books.

2. Translucent colors, metallics and iridescent are this year's trend on notebooks, portfolios, organizers, pens, pencils, lunch bags and picture frames.

3. Faux fur is a must-have for decorating a room or locker, showing up on everything from pencil cases to picture frames and mirrors in hot colors like pink and purple.

4. Staples offers a wide selection of backpacks from FUBU's black backpack with a detachable basketball to popular messenger bags with a like-leather look in shades of silver and ice blue.

5. Key chains come in all shapes, sizes and colors, whether they're clip-on

watches, licensed characters or mini-games.

6. This season, kids will be hunting for animal prints and shapes on a variety of school supplies such as pencil pouches and fluffy feather pens.

7. For those who can't get enough of J.K. Rowling's young wizard, Harry Potter, there's Trollbooger glue, Hogwarts supplies and Disappearing Glue Sticks.

8. Personalizing binders, folders and notebooks with pictures is very popular and can be easier with Polaroid's digital camera.

9. The gel pen craze broadens this season with Pentech's new Gel Crayons, which give kids the feeling of a crayon with the vibrancy of gel ink.

10. Glacier Gear insulated lunch bags include ice packs and come in a variety of colors and styles including hot pink, purple and prints such as leopard, zebra and snake skin.

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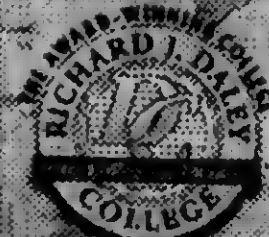
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## Whiting, Indiana, a musical place to be

By Jude Coyle

"The only two things that are worthy to be left in this world are children and art." That's a line from the song *Children and Art*, which comes from the play *Sunday in the Park with George*. The Marion Theatre Guild will perform the Indiana premier of *Sunday in the Park with George*, at the Marion Theatre in Whiting during the first three weekends in November.

Gail Kosalko of the Whiting Chamber of Commerce, explained that Whiting, a small town of 5,000, spends more money on the arts per person than anywhere else.

In July, August and September this year, the Festival Orchestra has planned four free symphony concerts at Whiting Lake Front Park.

Mark Kruczek, a former Whiting resident, studied at Juilliard. He trains opera singers in New York. Three times a year he returns to Whiting to practice with a group he founded called Chorus Angelorum. They perform Mozart's Requiem and other classical pieces at St. John Church. The next performance is October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Right before Christmas, the Madrigal Group at Plymouth Congregational Church performs at an annual tea. There is a small fee involved.

There are a number of jazz concerts scheduled throughout the summer at Lakefront Park, and there is the Community Showcase Theater. It was established 21 years ago. The Cornerstone Art Gallery at Centiere Bank on 119<sup>th</sup> Street changes their displays monthly.

The Arts Alive Group, a volunteer group, is responsible for bringing arts to the children of Whiting. They sponsor scholarships for local kids to take art classes.

Let's not forget the annual Pierogi Festival in July. "There's one collective mind set here," Gail explained. People standing in line for up to a half-hour for a pierogi. People are polite, they visit with their neighbors, and enjoy the atmosphere. Each year more and more people attend. "We were on Wild Chicago last year," Gail said.

"Whiting was a big refinery town," Gail Kosalko explained. It was incorporated in 1889, and at that

time, the Standard Oil refinery employed most of Whiting's residents.

The German and the Irish helped to build the railroads. Like in so many other towns throughout the Midwest, they settled along the routes. The Slavic, Polish and others came to work at the refinery. Each new wave of immigration introduced a new culture and new traditions.

"We had seven Catholic churches once," said Gail. "And each church was built by a different nationality." Masses were conducted in the language of the congregation, and hymns sang at Mass were the same hymns parishioners sang in the old country. Recently immigrants from Mexico are introducing their music.

"After all," Gail commented, "Music is the true international language."

For more information concerning events in Whiting, contact the Whiting Chamber of Commerce at 219/659-0292.

Of course Whiting is a small part of Lake County, Indiana. Luke Weinman of the Lake County Welcome Center is excited about Indiana's unique offerings.

The Welcome Center is a brand new state of the arts building. It is located at 7770 Corinne Drive, Hammond, Indiana, between Wendy's and Cracker Barrel. Look for the sign with the question mark on it. The Welcome Center is designed to represent a great deal of Indiana's culture. The building is made of steel to symbolize the role the steel industry has played in the development of Indiana. One side has a silo, which is actually a staircase. That symbolizes agriculture. The other side of the building shows waves crashing the dunes.

Inside, is the John Dillinger Museum. It not only depicts Dillinger's life, but also tells of Prohibition and the time period.

"We have a replica on display of the gun that John Dillinger carved when he

escaped from the Crown Point Jail," Luke said. "A lot of people think it was made of soap. It wasn't. It was wood. We have the real thing put away. We also have action figures from that time of G-men."

'From Trash to Treasure' is currently on display in the Welcome Center Exhibit Hall.

Luke recommends an evening at the Star Plaza, and the night at the Radisson in Merrillville. Visitors can enjoy themselves in the pool, the Jacuzzi, the Khaki Club and Wisecrackers Comedy Club. There are packages available for a quick get away. Call 219/769-6311.

One can spend a day at the dunes, either Wells Street Beach in Miller, West Beach or Lake Street Beach in Gary or Wheluha Beach in Whiting. Of if wet and wild without sand is the type of fun one is looking for, there is Deep River Water Park in Merrillville.

Or one can spend a day at one of the four casinos. Harrah's in East Chicago has shows and live bands. The Trump and Majestic Star Casinos await gamers in Buffington Harbor in Gary. The Horseshoe Casino, which is owned by Jack Binnion is located in Hammond.

There is downtown shopping in Merrillville, and antiquating in Crown Point, Lowell, and in Hobart.

For dinner, Luke recommends Phil Smids in Hammond. It is considered one of the top ten restaurants in the country. They specialize in frog legs. Inside the Radisson is J. Ginger's. This is a high end family restaurant specializing in steak, prime rib, chicken, seafood and the like. Miller Bakery Café in Miller serves an elegant type of cuisine.

Upcoming events in Lake County:

*I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, a comedy, will be performed at the Theater at the Center in Munster from 9/13 to 10/1.



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WYIN Fine Arts Auction will be held in the exhibit

hall of Lake County Welcome Center from September 10 thru 30. This is the annual fundraiser for Channel 56, Gary, Indiana's PBS station. WYIN can be seen in this area.

## Maya Angelou to speak at St. Xavier University

Saint Xavier University will host *An Evening with Maya Angelou* on Sunday, October 7 at 8:00 pm. Ms. Angelou will read excerpts from her work, share life experiences, and offer personal reflections during this special lecture.

The event is general admission and will be held in the main arena of the Convocation and Athletic Center. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased through Ticketmaster at 312-559-1212 or ticketmaster.com. For more information about this event, please call 773-298-3121.

Maya Angelou is world renowned as a celebrated poet, educator, historian, playwright, actress, civil rights activist, producer, and director. During her lifetime, Angelou has served many well known and respected American leaders in various capacities. At the request of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., she became the northern coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. She was appointed by President Gerald Ford to the Bicentennial Commission, and by President Jimmy Carter to the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year. At the 1993 inauguration of

President Bill Clinton she recited her original poem "On the Pulse of the Morning." This place was later published and became the title track of her 1994 Grammy Award winning album.

Ms. Angelou has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Chubb Fellowship Award from Yale University in 1970, a Pulitzer Prize nomination in 1972 for *Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'Fore I Die*, and a Tony Award nomination for her performance in "Look Away." Most recently, Angelou received the National Medal of Arts for the year 2000. Established by Congress in 1984, the Medal of Arts honors individuals and organizations that, in the President's judgment, are deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to the excellence, growth, support, and availability of the arts of the United States.

*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, an autobiographical account of Angelou's youth, is one of her most heralded works. It garnered her a National Book Award and was made into a televised CBS special. After renewed interest in the book during

the mid-1990s, it spent over two years on the New York Times Paperback Nonfiction Bestseller list.

Ms. Angelou has appeared on the popular television series "Moesha" and "Touched by an Angel," as well as the film "How to Make an American Quilt" and the acclaimed miniseries "Roots," for which she received an Emmy nomination for Best Supporting Actress. In 1998, she made her directorial debut with "Down in the Delta."

An Evening with Maya Angelou is co-sponsored by Saint Xavier's Student Activities, School of Arts and Sciences, School of Education, Alumni Relations, and Honors Program.

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# Kathy's Kaleidoscope

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## The Dog Days of Summer

We knew it was inevitable. The season of fun in the sun is winding down. It doesn't matter how many activities we complain we don't have time for, by the time we reach these dog days of summer, we find ourselves mourning the loss of these carefree days. As we continue to wilt under the strain of this unrelenting heatwave, let's ponder what these dog days really mean.

- 1) Everywhere you go people all ask the same question, "Where has the summer gone?"
- 2) As you bake in the heat and humidity, you somehow cannot remember the blizzards of January being that bad.
- 3) The older kids will tell you it's too HOT to go swimming, while the younger ones look like shriveled up raisins in the sun as a result of living in the aqua blue waters of backyard pools.
- 4) Plans to picnic in the park are scrapped when you realize, from past experience, that dodging bees tops the list of things to do.
- 5) Dancing in the rain never felt so good as when splashing away the cares of a hot August day.
- 6) The air conditioner hasn't had a break since mid June and once Com-Ed sends us the bills, we'll be the one's yelling, "Give ME a break!!"
- 7) Moms will go to sleep at night still hearing the whining voices of her children's most popular chant, "We're bored!" ringing in her ears.
- 8) Kids, for lack of anything better to do, will fry eggs on sidewalks and still hold out hope of making a fortune selling lemonade on the corner.
- 9) Dinners consist of anything that can be cooked on the grill in under 15 minutes and it's usually served on a bun.
- 10) It may be 110 degrees in the shade but back to school supplies have to be bought, which means the malls are filled with cranky kids and even crankier adults.
- 11) Bank accounts are depleted, faster than grandma's cookie jar, as parents fork over the cash to make sure their little students have everything they need to start a brand new school year.

Yes we, all hate to see summer come to an end, but too much of anything is not a good thing anyway.

Besides, we moms know, all too well, that these lazy, crazy, dog days of summer will lead us right back to our sanity as we greet the sound of school bells in September.

We're ready to celebrate -- So long summer -- Though we're sad to see you go, Let the peace and quiet flow!

## Burbank Park District

The Burbank Park District is offering a trip to the Potawatomi Bingo Casino this fall. With 1,000 slot machines, blackjack tables and highstakes Bingo, this casino is the largest gaming attraction in the area. The trip will take place on September 7, and includes transportation by motorcoach, gaming ses-

sion, \$20 match play in chips or coins and a \$5 food certificate. Registration for this trip has already begun at our Burbank Park District office, located at 8050 S. Newcastle.

Join the Burbank Park District as we travel to the Mississippi Belle Casino. Try your luck on table games such as Black Jack, Caribbean Stud, Craps and Roulette. You can also play a wide variety of slot machines. For only \$10, this trip includes, coachline transpor-

## Italian cuisine a south side restaurant with downtown flavor

by Judi Giglio

Only two months ago Trattoria Aiello opened its doors in Palos Heights and since then the crowds keep coming back.

Trattoria Aiello is an Italian restaurant family owned and operated by Joe and Sam Aiello. The restaurant is dedicated to preserving rich Italian heritage and traditions. Patrons are treated as guests rather than customers.

As a true Italian restaurant Trattoria Aiello features classic Italian favorites, unique specials from Northern and Southern Italy and is one of the few restaurants offering a special allocated wine list consisting of 85 bottles of wine and 20 wines by the glass. Their wines are 100% Italian and a majority of the wines score in the upper tier of the 100 point wine spectator scale. Prices range from \$18 to \$250 a bottle and are climate and temperature controlled to always please the palate. If you are a connoisseur of wine or a member of a wine club, you'll love Aiello's. So take a peek at their wine list and select a glass or bottle of your favorite wine. Aiello's wine room holds 1500 bottles of wine.

When you ask Joe and Sam about their family they proudly boast about their 8

brothers and sisters that are also a part of the restaurant. Many of their 17 nieces and nephews also work at the restaurant. I guess the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

There is a unique mural on the dining room wall of Joe and Sam's family, painted by Oak Lawn native Francine Miller. One of which is their grandfather, Pasquale Aiello, who died in 1995. He came to this country in 1912 from Italy and married Ella Bertucci and they settled in Bridgeport, IL.

Joe and Sam's mother Patricia is Irish and learned to cook from her mother-in-law and many of the recipes are family recipes. Patricia helped Scott Le Compte, the executive chef, develop their menu.

Joe and Sam will tell you that they tried to bring back the look and feel of Downtown Chicago, but with a casual home atmosphere. They like to think the restaurant blends eclectic and traditional family oriented ideas with its decor and menu.

Their favorite Southern recipe is Braciolo with pasta and their favorite Northern recipe is wild mushroom and asparagus risotto.

Aiello's also features good entertainment with a piano

bar and Frank Sinatra songs on Friday and Saturday nights from 8:00 pm to midnight. A Luncheon Buffet is available for \$7.95 Tuesday through Friday, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, serving soup, salads, pasta, and entrees.

They are serving weekly and weekend specials and have a seasonal menu that changes 4 times a year. Reservations are accepted.

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Buffet: A Luncheon Buffet is available for \$7.95 Tuesday through Friday, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, serving soup, salads, pasta, and entrees.

Reservations: Recommended

## McAuley Freshman Parents Back to School Night

Thursday, September 6, parents of the Class of 2005 of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, 3737 West 99th Street in Chicago, are invited to attend an information sharing session, followed by an opportunity to participate in their daughters' scheduled classes. The evening will begin at 7:00 pm.

Members of the Administration will inform parents of what is expected of their daughters as members of the McAuley Community. Officers of the Mothers and Fathers Club will invite them to become involved parents, especially through membership. First year students' parents will follow their daughter's daily schedule of classes and have an opportunity to meet their daughter's teachers, learn about her classes and her teachers' expectations. Parents can also meet guidance counselors and members of the administration. The Mother McAuley Mothers Club will provide refreshments for the parents during their daughters' lunch periods.

When you have painted a room, write down the brand, color and finish on a piece of painter's tape. Stick the tape to the inside of the switch plate before you reattach it.

## Discover a new art form

As part of its fall schedule of programs, the Oak Lawn Park District is offering a new art class that will teach participants how to turn ordinary scrap wire into decorative sculptures worthy of display.

"If you enjoy working with your hands and creating unique pieces of artwork, then Wire Creations is for you," says Julie Ryan, superintendent of recreation. "Participants will learn how to create figurines of animals and people by weaving different colored strands of telephone wire together."

The class will be led by Chicago's Victor Garcia, who learned this craft while working for a telephone company in Mexico. Garcia has been sculpting wire as a hobby for more than 10 years. Pieces of his work are currently on display at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th Street, in Oak Lawn.

All scrap wire will be provided; participants will be required to bring their own wire cutters.

The class will be held on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm from September 12 through October 3 at the Oak View Center. The class fee is \$9 for Oak Lawn residents or \$13 for non residents. For more info call 708-857-2200.

## Radio City Players perform at Evergreen Park Public Library

The Radio City Players will perform two old time radio plays at the Evergreen Park Public Library on September 11, 2001 at 7:00 pm. Return with us to those thrilling days of yesteryear when families gathered around the radio to learn what the "Shadow knows," ride with the Lone Ranger or laugh at Burns & Allen and Fibber McGee & Molly.

The Radio City Players will perform a comedy from "Meet Corliss Archer" and a drama from the suspense program "Escape." Registration is required. Please call the Evergreen Park Public Library at 708-422-8522 to register.

tation, 2 gaming sessions and a lunch buffet. Registration starts August 28 for residents and September 4, for non residents. For more information please call 708-599-2070.



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# School News



## How to advocate your child

Everywhere we turn, parents are encouraged to be more responsible for their children's education. Most educators would agree, minimally, this means sending our children to school ready to learn, with a good night's rest, and a belly full of breakfast. Being responsible for our children's education also means advocating them for when a problem occurs at school.

Whether it's a bully on the playground or a poor classroom performance, parents can be more effective when they have a strategy -- rather than letting their emotions get the best of them. Here are ten simple steps for parents to follow when a problem arises at school.

1) **Define and examine your concerns.** Do your homework. It is critical to collect all the facts and articulate the problem clearly to be believable. Does this problem involve other children? If so, consider involv-

ing other parents in this process. There is credibility in numbers.

2) **Develop possible solutions.** This sets a positive tone indicating you want to work in partnership with the school to resolve the problem; you're not merely complaining, but offering potential solutions.

3) **Prepare a written document.** To an extent, the education system has forced school personnel into the role of bureaucrats and their language is paper. Having a written document makes the school take your concerns seriously. The document should contain a list of your issues, potential solutions and questions. The tone should reflect your desire to work positively with the school.

4) **Meet with the teacher.** Make an appointment with the teacher. Consider having your spouse or a friend accompany you for support. Inform the teacher who to expect at the meeting.

5) **Approach the meeting with a positive attitude.** Leave your emotions outside the meeting room. Negative behavior will only discredit your message; your behavior must stay above reproach. Using your document as the basis for the meeting's agenda, keep an open mind and don't be afraid to ask questions.

6) **Define the next step.**

At the end of the meeting ask:

\*What is the next step?

\*Who will be responsible for that step?

\*When (a date) will the next step occur?

This step is crucial; it keeps the meeting from being merely a gripe session and increases the likelihood of a positive outcome. Leave a copy of your written document with the teacher.

7) **Document events.** Keep a record of all meetings and phone calls including dates and people involved along with your initial document and any letters. Politely

informing the school you are documenting the events lets the school know you are serious.

8) **Follow the chain of command.** If you and the teacher are unable to resolve the problem, go to the next link in the chain of command. Usually the chain of command looks like this: teacher, principal, superintendent, school board member. Use steps 1-7 with each person on the chain.

9) **Consider all your educational options.** If your children's school is unwilling to work with you to resolve the problem, look at the educational choices parents have in your state. Parents now have more free choices than ever before including: public charter schools, limited private school vouchers, or other district schools. Contact your state's education department to learn more about your options.

10) **Never forget, you are responsible for the education of your children.** You are the only constant from kindergarten through college in your children's education. There is no guarantee any educational system will ensure your children's educational needs are met; ultimately it's your responsibility. Don't abdicate that responsibility to your children's schools; delegate and oversee it. Your children's futures depend on it.

## Angel of Mercy

written for  
Kimberly Krzystof

by Judi Giglio

Angel of Mercy, Hear my prayer.

There is a little girl lying here who needs your help to comfort her.  
For the Shadow of Death has passed over her.

Please make her well and strong again,  
And give her the hope she needs to be able to cope again.

For she is an angel herself, you know,  
Always helping others when they are low.

So won't you lend a helping hand,  
And hold her close to your heart again.

For one day she may be the one,  
That we kneel down to and ask for love.

### Internet instruction at Evergreen Park Library

The Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy, is offering the following computer demonstrations during the month of September:

**Basic Internet Thursday,**  
Sept. 20 at 10:00 am or 6:30 pm

**Online Computer Catalog**  
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### Mt. Greenwood Historical Society

Mt. Greenwood Historical Society celebrates! The Mt. Greenwood Historical Society will once again be a proud participant of the 5th Annual "Party in the Park" Celebration being held at Mt. Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th Street, on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.

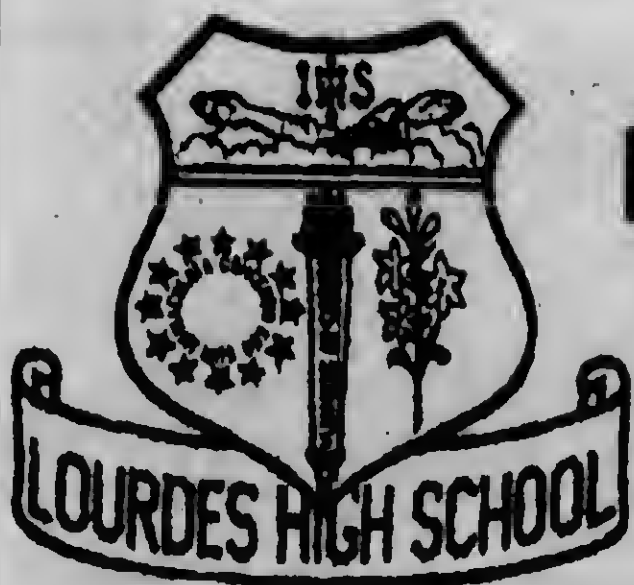
The historical society will mark this event with scheduled showings of "School Days," a slide presentation celebrating Mt. Greenwood's twenty two schools of the past and present. Join us for a fun day for the whole family!

For more information on the Mt. Greenwood Historical Society or the "Party in the Park," call Janet McBride after 5:00 pm at 773-881-8168.

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## The Beverly Theatre Guild

The Beverly Theatre Guild will hold auditions for their fall musical, Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods." Twenty three parts are available for adult men and women of various age ranges and types from 18-60 years of age. The story intertwines characters from your favorite fairytales with one another and produces a story that is meaningful and delivers a powerful message.

Rehearsals are tentatively set for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays in September and October. Auditions will be held at the Washington and Jane Smith Retirement Home, in the Auditorium, 2340 W. 113th Place, Chicago (113th & Western). Park in the back lot, and enter through the Gregg door on the Northwest side of the parking lot. Performances for this, the first show of the

Guild's 39th Season will be held at the Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th Street, Chicago, Friday, November 2 and Saturday, November 3 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, November 4 at 2:00 pm, and the following weekend, Friday, November 9, and Saturday, November 10 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, November 11 at 2:00 pm.

Phone 312-409-2705, for further information, or find us at the web at [www.beverlytheatreguild.org](http://www.beverlytheatreguild.org).

## Pheasant Run's Jekyll and Hyde

Pheasant Run Dinner Theatre proudly announces the Chicago regional premier of Frank Wildhorn's "Jekyll and Hyde."

Tickets are on sale now! For reservations call the Pheasant Run Box Office at 630-584-6342 or Ticketmaster at 312-559-1212. For overnight packages or further information about the resort, call 1-800-PHEASANT and visit our website at [www.pheasantrun.com](http://www.pheasantrun.com).

## The Full Monty makes its Chicago debut at the Shubert Theatre

The Full Monty will begin performances in Chicago on Thursday, September 6, 2001. The performance schedule will be as follows: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 pm, Fridays at 8:00 pm, Saturdays at 2:00 and 8:00 pm, and Sundays at 2:00 and 7:30 pm. There will be a 2:00 pm matinee performance on Wednesday, September 12 and the 2:00 pm performance on Sunday, September 23 will be signed for the hearing impaired.

Single tickets for The Full Monty (\$35-\$77.50) are currently available at Broadway in Chicago Box Offices, 22 W. Monroe Street and 151 W. Randolph Street, by calling the Broadway in Chicago Ticket line at 312-902-1400, at all Ticketmaster ticket centers or at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com). Groups of 20 or more can receive a discount by calling 312-977-1710. Season tickets can be ordered by calling toll free at 877-890-1074, Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

For more information, please visit The Full Monty website at [www.thefullmonty.com](http://www.thefullmonty.com).

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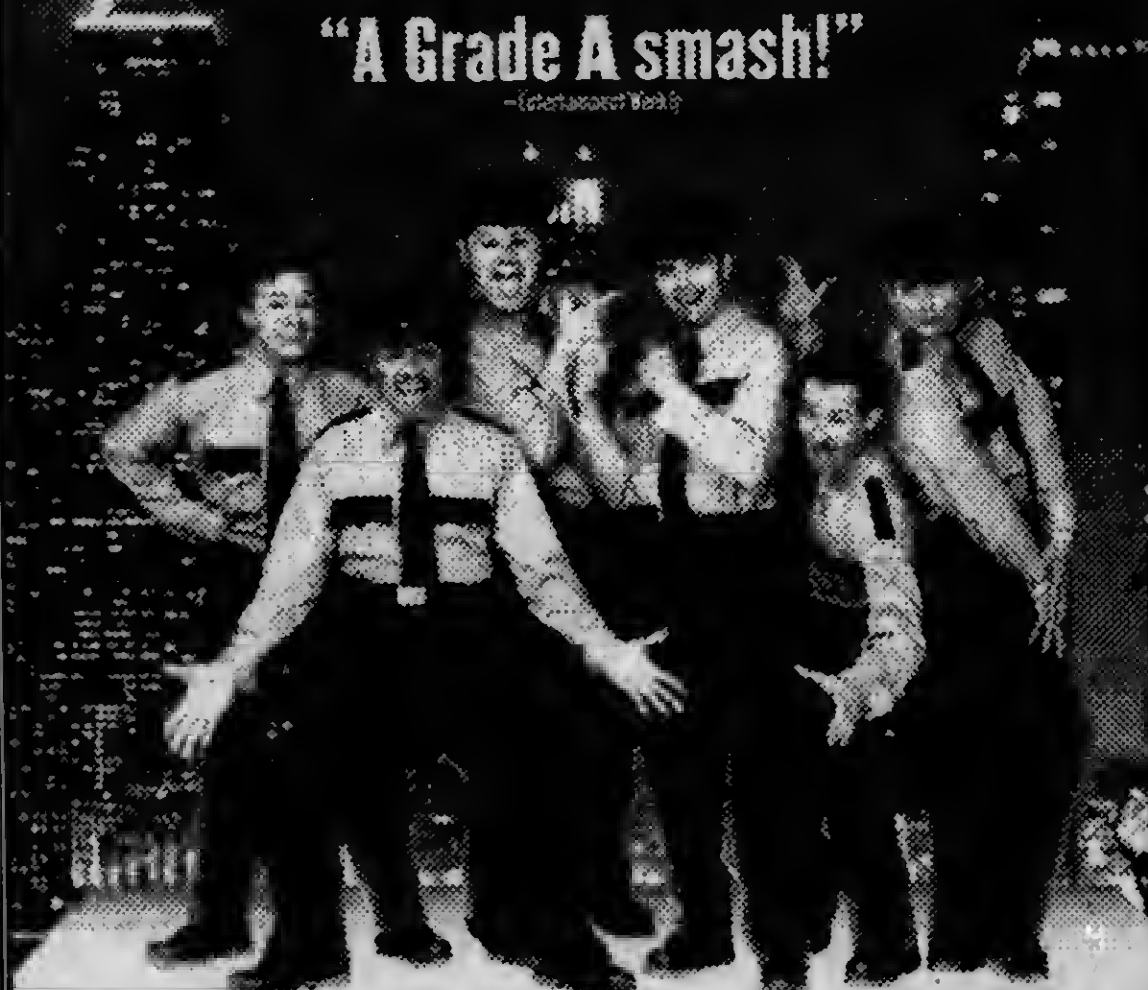
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## Beverly Art Center hosts World Music Fest

The Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th Street, has been selected as the site for two of the city of Chicago's third annual *World Music Festival: Chicago 2001* concerts.

Susana Seivane, a young bagpiping phenomenon from Galicia, will perform with her band at the Art Center on Sunday, September 23 at 7 p.m.

Born in Barcelona in 1976, Susana Seivane is the heiress to a lineage of craftsmen bagpipe makers: Seivane.

Susana's sweet and clear style of playing reflects the legacy of past generations of pipers.

Kila, one of Ireland's most popular world beat dance bands, will bring their intensely energetic sound direct from Dublin to the BAC stage on Monday, September 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets for both shows are \$10. For tickets and information, call 773/445-3838. Free parking is available.

Kila began as a performance collective on the streets of Dublin 10 years ago and has evolved into one of Ireland's most exciting young bands. Kila's unique sound

stems from melding traditional Celtic modes with musical traditions such as gypsy, reggae, rock and other styles. Kila has carved out an enthusiastic and diverse following, which attests to the thirst for innovative world music today.

Classical music, folk, film, theatre, rock and poetry compose the creative well behind Kila's artistry. The seven member band fuses Gaelic lyrics and Irish Folk instruments with instruments from other parts of the world, such as the djembe and congas. Kila places a great deal of emphasis on the percussive element and incorporates the use of drums from Africa and Latin America.

The festival will showcase traditional and contemporary music from around the world September 20-September 30 throughout Chicago. This year's fest features musical guests from dozens of nations, including Mongolia, Egypt, Italy, Ethiopia and Latvia. Call the fest hotline at 312/742-1938.

## New proposal may save property taxpayers money

State Senator Christine Radogno (R-LaGrange) participated in a public hearing of the Senate Revenue Committee Tuesday focusing on a proposal to save property taxpayers money.

The proposal would provide property tax payers with a 3% tax break if they pay their tax bill in one lump sum rather than in two installments. The tax break would be calculated on the amount of the second installment.

Currently, most Illinois counties bill taxpayers in two installments and give them the option of paying the full amount. Radogno said the legislation is still in the planning stages, but will be formally introduced next spring and heard in the Senate Revenue Committee, where she serves as a member.



Susana Seivane will be appearing at The Beverly Art Center part of World Music Festival : Chicago 2001

## Village of Oak Lawn hosts Fall on the Green

The Village of Oak Lawn hosts their popular *Fall on the Green* festival September 7-9 at the Village Green, 95th & Cook Avenue.

The fest features activities for all ages, a food court with 15 vendors, a beer garden, and musical entertainment by several performers popular in the southwest suburbs.

The fest is sponsored by many businesses and organizations, including: the Oak Lawn Rotary, Insure One, Christ Hospital Advocate Health, Hawkinson Ford and the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post #5220, among many others.

Activities include carriage rides, an arts and crafts area, face painters, kid's games and a petting zoo.

The food court will feature yummy goodies from Golden Phoenix, Palermo's, Usinger's, Gino's East and many more.

Some of the performers will be Hurricane Gumbo, Five Guys Named Moe, 4 Cast and Giggleswater.

Admission to the fest and most of the attractions are free. Mark your calendar for this family fun event!

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## Brother Rice starts networking Engineering Program

Brother Rice High School Technology Director Ms. Sandra Ware of Evergreen Park demonstrates the Cisco Networking Academy program to seniors Haley Mui of West Lawn and Devin Kruski of Clearing. The students will be among those participating in the school's new network engineering program, a first of its kind program in a Northern Illinois Catholic school. These students, members of Br. Rice's APEX Honors Program, after completion of advanced placement C++ as juniors, made a request to the school's administration for an even greater technological challenge as seniors.

This first program will enable Br. Rice students, after four semesters of intensive training, to sit for the CCNA networking associates certification examination. Seniors at Br. Rice will complete the network series using block scheduling, and underclassmen will complete the series over two years. This beginning of network engineering training will allow Br. Rice students to seek employment in the computer networking field while in

## Bill to encourage counseling

Cynthia Ramirez, a single mother with custody of her daughter, testified to the hardships that parents face while trying to enforce a child support order in Illinois.

"I believe that there is a crisis in child support enforcement," said Ramirez. "Delinquent parents continue to shirk their legal, financial and moral obligations to their children, while parents with custody do not have one clear direction to turn for assistance. An independent agency dedicated to child support enforcement is a necessary first step in providing Illinois children with the financial assistance to which they are entitled."

A second hearing is scheduled for September 25th in DuPage at the Wheaton Village Hall and the third hearing for October 17th from 10am-12 noon in Room 118 of the State Capitol in Springfield.

## "Moonlight Harvest"

The Moonlight Harvest Senior Citizen dance, which drew nearly 2,000 people last year, has been scheduled for Saturday, November 3 from 6:30-9:30 pm at Shepard High School in Palos Heights.

Senior citizens can purchase advance tickets for fifty cents in the main office at Shepard, which is located at 13049 S. Ridgeland Avenue. Tickets will be \$1 the night of the event.

Seniors may also purchase tickets by mailing a check payable to "Shepard Leo Club" to Mary Renaldi, Leo Club Sponsor, Alan B. Shepard High School, 13049 S. Ridgeland Avenue, Palos Heights, IL 60463.

The dance includes a catered dinner, dancing, entertainment by the Teddy Lee Orchestra, and bingo.

## Animal Welfare raises funds with the help of Jewel-Osco

The Animal Welfare League will hold a Shop & Share fund-raising program on September 10-12th at all Jewel-Osco Stores.

By shopping at Jewel-Osco on one of those days, 5% percent of the total purchases, excluding tax, will be donated by Jewel-Osco to the organization.

The AWL will use the money generated by their Shop & Share to help care for the 36,000 homeless, abused and abandoned animals that it cares for annually.

Anyone interested in helping the Animal Welfare League by shopping at Jewel-Osco on those dates will need a "Shop & Share identification Slip" and should contact the AWL at 708/636-8586 to obtain one.

The AWL is a not-for-profit humane organization. The League operates two shelters in the Chicago area. The AWL receives no local, state or federal funding and relies on private donations.

For more information, contact Terri Sparks at 708/636-8586 ex.228.



The term "steamboat" is used for steam-driven vessels that sail on rivers or lakes. The term "steamship" is used for large vessels that sail on the open seas.



## Dear Editor

I think it is time that women of all ages take a good look at themselves not only outwardly but inwardly. I feel degraded when I see some young middle age and more mature women portraying themselves negatively in dress and demeanor. Your most prized possession is your mind and your body. "Why not be oneself? That is the whole secret of a successful appearance. If one is a Greyhound, why try to look like a Pekinese?" Edith Sitwell

What has happened to elegant fashions? I have always enjoyed watching the award shows for some fashions. A size "0" and a plunging neckline seems to be the norm. Some the younger generation's mode of dress is undesirable to me. Skimpy skirts and revealing tops are not appropriate nor attractive. I do not find the hairstyles and the rings in the tongues, nose, and places unmentionable, an asset. Beauty comes from a heart that reflects itself in one's eyes and smile. It is not an overnight process but one that takes time and effort.

What has happened to the language? It is embarrassing to hear foul language emitting from the "mouths of babes." It sounds so crude and disrespectful not only to

those around them but to themselves.

I am proud to be of the female gender. We have accomplished many things through the years. We should be role models for those around us. I want the women of the world to present us as patient, loving, kind, well dressed and well mannered. It is a dream but one I feel can materialize if we try. Life is not a rose garden since the apple was bitten. We all make mistakes, but hopefully we learn from them.

Thank you  
Marlene Jeziorski  
Oak Lawn

Editor: The Heifer Project, run locally by St. Daniel the Prophet parish, alleviates hunger in 115 countries. Promoted by Sr. Eileen, the Heifer Project at St. Daniel recently received a financial boost when parish youth conducted a car wash in the church parking lot to raise funds for this worthy international program.

The Heifer Project, known as Heifer Project International (HPI), operates on the simple premise of this: "Feed a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish, feed him for a lifetime." Simply put, citizen's donations of \$10 and up can purchase shares of an animal up to an entire animal. Once a remote farm family receives the animal (and training in its care) they are able to become more self-sufficient with food, nutrition, health care and income among other things.

Examples of what working animals provided by the HPI can do are these: Heifers- can produce a calf every year and up to four gallons of milk a day; Goats- thrive in poor conditions and can give as much as four quarts of milk a day, they often produce twins or triplets; Rabbits- need little space, eat vegetable waste and multiply rapidly, providing families with a steady income and food.

While the price of a whole heifer would be \$500, a share of a heifer would be \$50. A goat, sheep or pig would cost \$120 but a share would be

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On July 20th, the Pro-Life Action League and Citizens for a Pro-Life Society visited Evergreen Park with our Face the Truth tour. We lined the intersection of 95th & Crawford with large photos of abortion in the first, second, and third trimesters. Evergreen Park police officers were outstanding in their efforts to preserve our 1st Amendment rights.

We realize that it is difficult to see aborted babies. However, it is necessary that someone reveal to the public the national tragedy of abortion.

Even though we post warning signs far ahead of the graphic pictures, some people are outraged that young children may see them. But if we hide the pic-

tures of the victims of abortion, we fail in our mission to tell the truth and to protect human life. Apparently a child's attitude depends on how parents themselves respond to abortion and how they handle the issue with their children.

We urge all the residents of Evergreen Park to learn more about abortion and about help available to women in crisis pregnancy. For more information call 773/777-2900.

Joseph Scheindler  
Executive Director, Pro-Life Action League

Monica Migliorino Miller, Ph.D  
Director of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society

## Military News

Army Reserve Private Jason T. Spaargaren has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. He is the son of Timothy Spaargaren of Brookfield and Donna Juarez of Burbank. Spaargaren is a 2000 graduate of Riverside Brookfield High School, Riverside.

only \$10. A trio of rabbits would cost \$60 but a share would only be \$10 and a flock of chicks, ducks or geese would be only \$20. The ongoing value of the animal will far outweigh the cost of the gift.

The heifer project began more than 50 years ago during the Spanish Civil War. At that time a young humanitarian realized feeding hungry people every day was not the same as making them self-reliant and allowing them to feed themselves throughout the conflicting times. It was then that he developed the Heifer Project and it has been running continuously, as an ecumenical program, ever since. Cliff Dienberg is the Chicago coordinator of the Heifer Project for the Archdiocese. His Oak Park number is (708)848-7012.

Richard J. Techman  
Community Advocate

## First United Methodist Church

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### United Seniors

The United Seniors meeting at the First United Methodist Church on Wednesday, September 12 at 12:30 pm will learn about the Canine Unit of the Cook County Forest Preserve Enforcement Agency. The dogs will demonstrate their skills.

The Seniors meet monthly on the second Wednesday of the month. Future meeting plans include a trip to the I and M Canal in Lockport in October. In November the Seniors will hear Jack Kelly, the Street Car Man, talking about transportation in the early days of Chicago.

Call Helen at 708-499-6254 or the church off at 708-422-8451 for details of Senior activities.

### Rally Day

Rally Day at the First United Methodist Church will be celebrated on Sunday, September 9, beginning at 9:00 am. Christian education activities will be available for 4 year olds through adults. Adult study will begin the week of October 7th.

For grades 1 through 6th the children will be involved in a workshop rotation activities including dance, bracelet making, cookie baking and making t-shirts, around the quarterly theme "The Ten Commandments."

After the Family Worship Service at 10:15 am and the day's celebrations continue with the All Church Picnic to be held at the Wolfe Wildlife Refuge, 109th and Laramie, in Oak Lawn. There will be fun and games for all ages including a Jumping Jack. Bring a dish to share and your eating utensils. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be furnished.

Call the church between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm for information about the many activities offered at the Church. Pastor Charlette Hoffmann invites your presence at all Church events.

## Open House at McAuley

McAuley's Little School, a lab school for three and four year old children, will host an open house on Monday, September 17, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at McAuley Little School, 3737 W. 99th Street. Because of limited space, this time is reserved for new preschoolers and their families to tour the facilities and meet the teachers.

is the son of Sheila and Jay Drabik of Oak Lawn. He is a 2000 graduate of Richards High School in Oak Lawn.

Air Force Master Sgt. Scott A. Temple has retired from the U.S. Air Force after 24 years of military service. He is the son of Robert and Jeanenne Temple of Winter Park, Colorado. His wife Maria, is the daughter of Juan and Beatrice Saenz of Oak Lawn. Temple graduated in 1977 from Villa High School, Casa Grande, AZ and received an associate degree in 2001 from the Community College of the Air Force.

## Military News

Marine Corps Private Terrence W. Bennett, son of Jeanne Bennett of Evergreen Park, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Bennett is a 1999 graduate of Evergreen Park Community High School.

Air Force Airman Micheal M. Searles has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Virginia Searles of Oak Lawn. Searles is a 1998 graduate of Brother Rice High School.

Air Force Airman Katrina L. Walker has graduate from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Dorothy Walker of Chicago and sister of Sharon Stevens of Evergreen Park.

Richard J. Techman  
Community Advocate

## Military News

Army Private Adan Ramirez has graduated from the quartermaster and chemical equipment repairer advanced individual training (AIT) course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, MD. He is the son of Antonia and Virgil Ramirez of Oak Lawn. Ramirez is a 1999 graduate of Oak Lawn High School.

Army Reserve Private Curtis J. Drabik has graduated from the traffic management coordinator advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Eustis, Newport News, Virginia. Drabik

Editor: The congregation of the Bethel Reformed Church, 5433 South Austin, and the residents of the Garfield-Ridge community offer their recognition and thanks to the churches retiring pastor, Rev. Harold Hiemstra, and his wife. The spiritual growth this congregation and community has seen and the potential for further spiritual development here enrich everyone involved.

The annual Easter season ecumenical service held at Bethel under the spiritual guidance of Rev. Hiemstra and local pastors from participating churches shows he is a builder of Christian values throughout the community-at-large. The ecumenical services have grown under Rev. Hiemstra's seven-year pastoral assignment and have shown the Bethel congregation's outreach to other local Christians.

Rev. Hiemstra has explained the involvement of youth in the church has allowed it to grow considerably. He explained the "Praise band" that plays every other Sunday at the church has mightily influenced people of all ages, but particularly youth, to participate. Rev. Hiemstra said the church has grown considerably under his leadership but will need strong leadership in his absence to continue on the path to growth.



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## Get moving with Saint Xavier University

Saint Xavier University will host a 5K run/walk on Saturday, September 29 in conjunction with its annual Homecoming festivities. Runners and walkers of all levels, ages 14 and up, can participate in this jaunt through nearby Evergreen Park.

"We are very excited about this event and adding a new tradition to Homecoming Weekend," said Jenny Kjos, Fitness Coordinator at Saint Xavier University. "This is a great activity for not only our students and alumni, but for the entire community."

Running and walking are two of the best and affordable methods of exercise. Benefits of these cardiovascular and weight bearing exercises include increased bone density, reduced risk of heart disease, stroke and diabetes, alleviation of depression, and assisting in weight loss.

Registration continues through race day at 8:45 am. The race begins at 9:00 am. Participants will receive a t-shirt commemorating the event. The entry fee is \$10. To register or for more information, please call 773-298-3778, or check out Saint Xavier's website [www.sxu.edu/student/athletics/5krun.htm](http://www.sxu.edu/student/athletics/5krun.htm).

## Saint Xavier film series presents The Emperor and the Assassin

Saint Xavier University's 2001-2002 Film Series will present *The Emperor and the Assassin* on Friday, September 14 and Saturday, September 15 at 7:00 pm in McGuire Hall in the Ward Academic Center on the University's Main Campus, 3700 W. 103rd Street in Chicago. Admission is free to all who wish to attend.

*The Emperor and the Assassin* is a riveting glimpse into China's vast history, Shakespearean in quality. *The Emperor and the Assassin* stars Li Xuejian as the powerful king of Qin province who is determined to become China's first emperor. During his struggles to unify China he sends his lover (Gong Li) in search of an assassin whom she even-



## Discover a new art form with wire creations

As part of its fall schedule of programs, the Oak Lawn Park District is offering a new art class that will teach participants how to turn ordinary scrap wire into decorative sculptures worthy of display.

The class will be led by Chicago's Victor Garcia, who learned this craft while working for a telephone company in Mexico. Garcia has been sculpting wire as a hobby for more than 10 years. Piece of his work are currently on display at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th Street, in Oak Lawn.

Wire sculptures of dogs, birds, scorpions and Native Americans will be taught in the class, and participants will be instructed on how to create their own unique designs, says Julie Ryan, superintendent of recreation. All scrap wire will be provided; participants will be required to bring their own wire cutters.

The classes will be held on Wednesdays from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm from September 12 through October 3 at the Oak View Center. The class fee is \$9 for Oak Lawn residents or \$13 for non residents. For more information or to register, please call 708-857-2200.

tually falls in love with.

The Saint Xavier University Film Series proudly exhibits films of an artistic, foreign, and/or independent nature. This film deals with adult themes and therefore has a tendency to contain some combinations of profane language, nudity, sexual situations, violence and address subject matter that may not be suitable for more sensitive viewers. Call 773-298-3316 for more information.

# Tips will help small businesses beat cash flow woes

The Illinois CPA Society offers tips on how small businesses can beat cash flow woes. All growing businesses need cash: to meet payroll, satisfy debt obligations, finance inventory purchases, and keep the business going. To ensure a positive cash flow, small business owners must carefully monitor their financial processes. The following strategies focus on improving cash flow by accelerating inflow and delaying outflow:

**TIGHTEN INVENTORY!** Overstocking can tie up significant amounts of cash. To maximize cash flow, small business owners need to maintain an appropriate level of inventory and a good mix of merchandise. Periodically check inventory for old or outdated stock, and consider dropping those products that tie up cash and replace with faster moving items.

**INVOICE EARLY AND OFTEN!** Make every effort to get an invoice in the mail the day an order is shipped or the job is completed. If you're working on a project that will take a long time to complete, arrange to receive

a deposit or retainer from the customer. This not only helps your cash flow, but also solidifies the relationship with you and the customer. Getting a work-in-process billing system implemented will help maintain the inflow of cash. The balance due should be billed in stages based on a mutually-agreed completion date.

**CAREFULLY EVALUATE THE CREDIT-WORTHINESS OF YOUR CUSTOMERS!** Making the decision to grant credit is an important and delicate business function. Check credit information and obtain trade and bank references before extending credit to customers.

**MANAGE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE!** A well-managed accounts receivable portfolio can significantly expedite cash flow and support cash requirements. There are a number of ways to ensure that outstanding receivables are kept to a minimum. You can offer discount inducements for balances paid within 10 days. You can analyze the payment history of your clients to institute more rigid require-

ments for the delinquent customer. Develop collection procedures for past due accounts and follow them. If you have customers with real financial problems, negotiate a payment plan with them and monitor it.

**MONITOR YOUR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE!** Managing accounts payable plays an important role in optimizing your business' cash flow. Take the maximum amount allowed, without incurring late fees or interest charges, to pay your suppliers. This permits adequate time to collect on receivables without spending money on short-term credit lines.

**CONSIDER LEASING INSTEAD OF BUYING!** By leasing, you avoid tying up cash or lines of credit that might better be used for meeting your company's day-to-day cash needs. In general, leasing costs more than buying, but often these costs are justified by cash flow benefits.

**PRESS SUPPLIERS FOR DISCOUNTS AND BETTER PAYMENT TERMS!** Seek discounts from suppliers you order

from regularly and negotiate better payment terms as well. Although most suppliers quote a 30 day term, some may be willing to offer extended terms as a competitive benefit. Back up your requests with facts about your payment history, potential of future business and your credit-worthiness. Beware of buying more than you expect to sell, regardless of how favorable the price or terms offered.

You may be surprised to see how much you can improve your company's cash flow by following these steps. A CPA can provide you with additional information on managing the flow of cash in your business.

## NAMI Southwest upcoming events

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Southwest invites you to their Fall Banquet "Out of the Darkness and Into the Sunshine" to be held September 14 at 6:30 pm at the Oak Lawn Elks Club, 10720 S. Central in Oak Lawn. The evening will be filled with fun and surprises. Entertainment and music will be provided by members of the Sunshine Club. Tickets are \$25 for adults and children ages 12 and over. There will be great raffle prizes.

NAMI Southwest is sponsoring a Bus for Transportation for the annual Mass in celebration of the lives of persons with mental illness, families, friends, and mental health workers. Bus leaves St. Bede's Church promptly at 12:30 pm on October 7, the Mass will be at 2:00 pm at St. Josaphat. Refreshments and conversation following Mass with an estimated return at 5:00 pm. Reservations are required prior to Oct. 1. Cost is \$2 per person.

General NAMI Southwest meeting at Pilgrim Faith Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Avenue. Two University of Chicago authors have penned a book on stigma, as it relates to mental illness. Come to this meeting to hear Robert Lundin speak on this very informative book to reduce mental illness stigma.

For more information, contact Lois or Mike at 708-425-0925 or Ann at 708-5980770.



## Little Company of Mary Adult Day

Little Company of Mary administration and staff came to help celebrate the blessing and dedication of The Little Company of Mary Adult Day Care Center with 18th Ward Alderman Tom Murphy, Center staff and clients on Thursday, August 23. The blessing was beautiful and all who participated felt inspired by the Hospital's mission of caring.

The Center is now located at 8700 S. California, in the Heritage Building and feels like a warm, inviting home. It is decorated with comfortable chairs and cozy couches, with lively artwork, and a sunny, flower-lined patio in back.

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# VILLAGE

All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

## Chicago Attorney Pat Quinn offers the Midway homeowners representation

By Rick Techman

Home market value, uniform assessments, and environmental concerns are the three issues available to all Cook County homeowners that make it possible to contest a real estate tax bill from the county treasurer's office this month and possibly save money.

Though any homeowner can contest their property tax assessment with the Cook County Board of Tax Appeals, Chicago Attorney Pat Quinn, former Illinois State Treasurer, offers Midway area homeowners representation before the board for a nominal one-time fee. Quinn, who himself served on the board of tax appeals for several years, is keenly aware of the issues, unique to each homeowner, that can save them money at tax assessment time.

Quinn is active in the Midway area fighting for tax relief due to the noise with Garfield-Ridge resident Marius "Scotty" Gallagher, Midway Noise Compatibility Commission board member. "Citizens," Quinn said, "should not sit back and accept some of these hardships. The airport has grown," he added, "so much."

## Representative Lyons thanks residents for participating in Book Drive

State Representative Eileen Lyons wants to thank residents who participated in the children's book drive she recently sponsored.

Residents of her district donated books for children at their village hall between July 16 and August 9.

"Providing children with

Quinn explained the noise issue here should be brought to the attention of the tax appeals board by each homeowner. "I am interested in seeing people get tax relief whether I help or not," he also said. Quinn explained environmental concerns were the key to his success with the tax appeals board.

Quinn said home market value issues addressed whether a home was assessed too high based on its individual condition. He added uniform assessments judged the assessment of one home by the assessment of all the other homes in the area.

Quinn said environmental issues, his specialty, range in scope from train whistles, busy intersections, and airport noise to settings by a lake or near a forest preserve. Quinn also said environmental issues could include basement flooding and other problems caused by the surroundings. Quinn admitted not everyone receives tax relief from the board but applicants need not fear retaliation by a vengeful board. He said everyone is entitled to appeal their tax assessment.

"The worst victims of an accident should be treated first," Quinn said as he explained two key exemptions homeowners

easy access to books is probably one of the most important things we can do to encourage the children to read and lay the foundation for a lifetime of learning," said Representative Lyons. "I would like to thank the people of my district for putting their unused books around the house, to good use again."

Over 2800 books were collected in a little under 4 weeks.

All books collected went to the LaGrange Community Nurse Association. They will be distributed in their annual secret Santa benefit held in December.

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in this area should be applying for is the senior citizen exemption for those who qualify and the noise exemption under environmental issues. "I," Gallagher said, "am working with him (Quinn) as much as possible." Gallagher added he welcomes Quinn's assistance in the appeals process.

## Marist Mothers' Club

The Marist Mothers' Club is hosting its annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, "Timeless Treasures" on Sunday, September 23, 2001, at Georgio's Restaurant at 159th and 88th Avenue in Orland Park.

For reservations, call Marist High School at 773-881-6360.

## Commissioner to be honored at Annual President's Cup Golf Outing

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will be honored at his Annual President's Cup Golf Outing.

The Annual President's Cup will be held at Carriage Greens Country Club, 8700 Carriage Green Drive, in Darien, on Wednesday, September 12, beginning at 8:00 am.

For more information please contact Friends of Terrence J. O'Brien, 440 N. McClurg Court, Suite 417, Chicago, 60611 or phone 312-642-9150.

President O'Brien was first elected to the Board of Commissioners in 1988, re-elected for his 2nd six year term in 1994. During this term he was elected President of the District by his fellow Commissioners.

## St. Nicholas of Tolentine 85th Anniversary Celebration

St. Nicholas of Tolentine is celebrating 85 years as a Community of Faith on September 23. The celebration begins with a special Mass at 3:00 pm at St. Nick's, 3721 W. 62nd Street, followed by a dinner dance at the Martinique, 2500 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park at 5:30 pm. Tickets for the dinner are \$35. For more information, call St. Nick's rectory at 773-735-1121.

Wallpaper first became an interior decorating trend in England in 1720.

## Daley College offers police careers

Police departments from states as far away as California are recruiting new officers at Richard J. Daley College, reports Professor Vincent Russo, coordinator of the criminal justice program at Richard J. Daley College. "They are looking for young people planning for a career in law enforcement," notes Russo, "and our program has been an excellent resource." At present, the program has former students working in Los Angeles as well as in cities and towns throughout Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Registration for the fall 2001 program is now open at the college, 7500 W. Pulaski Road in Chicago.

Both of the full time instructors in the program Vince Russo and Ron Thompson, are graduates of the FBI National Academy and former instructors at the Chicago Police Academy. During the fall semester, their program will be offering thirteen classes in criminal justice, including the Administration of Criminal Justice, Juvenile Justice, Introduction to Corrections, Introduction to Investigation, Introduction to Criminology, and Constitutional Law. In addition, the college's Spanish



## Illinois State Fair

Illinois First Lady Lura Lynn Ryan welcomes Kenneth D. Hanson, Assistant to the Governor to Ethnic Village at the Illinois State Fair.

program is offering Spanish for Law Enforcement Officers, a special course to prepare non Spanish speaking police officers to use Spanish language skills and strategies to increase their ability to work successfully with native Spanish speakers. Classes are available both during the day and in the evening.

The criminal justice program is open both to students new to the field and to experienced officers. Students wishing to become Chicago Police officers must have earned 60 hours of college credit and pass a city examination before they qualify for the Chicago Police Academy and the training required to become an officer. Many students earn their college credits at Daley College, the college is also the Southwest Side intake for the Chicago Police Examination.

Experienced officers also find Daley College convenient for additional education. The Criminal Justice Department evaluates other educational experience, including police academy training, military service and other course work, all of which can apply toward completion of a college degree. The curriculum is

flexible to meet a variety of professional goals and interests. Students at Daley College may transfer up to 75 hours of Daley College credit earning a Board of Governors/B.A. degree at Governors State University.

Mundelein College and the Department of Criminal Justice of Loyola University-Chicago and Daley College offer the Bachelor of General Integrative Studies (GBIS) degree with a concentration in Criminal Justice from Loyola University-Chicago. Students attending Daley College may transfer up to 64 hours to this program. "Classes are filling," notes Russo, "so anyone who is interested should meet with us as soon as possible." Fall classes will begin September 4.

For further information on criminal justice offerings at Daley College, call Vince Russo at 773-838-7656, Ron Thompson 773-838-7655, or Maria 773-838-7635.

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## Palos Hills Park Department

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### Long Grove Apple Adult Open Gym Festival

#### Touch Football League

The Palos Hills Park Department is offering a Touch Football League for the fall. The league will be on Saturdays starting September 15 till December 1. Between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. The games will be played at the Forest Preserve at 111th St. and Kean Ave. Ages 18 years and older are welcome to join. The fee per team for residents is \$620 (includes forfeit fee of \$25). The team captains will meet at the Palos Hills Park Department on Thursday, September 6 at 7:30 pm. Register at the Palos Hills Park Department.

A trip to Long Grove for the Apple Festival is planned for Friday, October 5. Transportation will leave the Palos Hills Park Department at 9:00 am and return approximately at 5:30 pm. The fee is \$17 (includes transportation only). Lunch is on your own at one of the fine restaurants in town. Register early at the Park Department.

Adult Open Gym is open from September 12 to December 14. Adult Open Gym will be held on Wednesdays from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm and Fridays from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Ages 18 years and older are welcome. Fee for residents is \$3, non residents is \$5 (fee collected at the door). For more information call the Park Department.

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## Cal Starr and the Gospel Troubadours appear at First United Methodist Church

Cal Starr and the Gospel Troubadours will be presenting their 3rd annual concert at First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn, 100th Street and Central Avenue. They will perform old Southern Gospel Songs and Country/Western Classics. The dates are Friday, September 14 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, September 16 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$15 per person. All proceeds benefit the church. For more information or tickets, call 708/923-1362 or 708/423-1170.



## Southwest Mayors

From left to right: Chicago Ridge Mayor Eugene Siegel, 11th District State Senator, Louis Viverito, Mayor Ronald Robison of Bedford Park, Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills, Mayor Ernest Kolb of Oak Lawn, and Burbank Mayor Harry Klein.

### Park Lawn salutes Southwest Mayors

Park Lawn is hosting a cocktail and hors d'oeuvre reception honoring Southwest Mayors for their support of providing opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities. This

event will give members of the community a chance to get reacquainted with their local officials.

Featured speaker for the evening is State of Illinois Comptroller, Daniel Hynes. Entertainment provided by Legendz. The reception is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm at the Martinique, 95th and West-

ern in Evergreen Park. Tickets are \$40 and tables of 10 can be reserved. Visa and Mastercard accepted.

Proceeds from this reception will benefit children and adults with developmental disabilities enrolled in Park Lawn's programs. For ticket information, contact Park Lawn at 708-425-6867 or visit us on the web at [www.parklawn.com](http://www.parklawn.com).

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## Nature Photography contest at Lake Katherine

The Lake Katherine Nature Preserve at 7402 W. Lake Katherine Drive in Palos Heights announces a Nature Photography contest.

Every year during their Monarch Butterfly Festival, they feature photography that was taken throughout the year at the Lake Katherine Nature Preserve. Bring your

camera and take either a color or a black and white picture and enter your favorite in our contest.

Photographs need to be turned in by 5 p.m. on September 13, 2001 in order to qualify for a prize. Please call the Nature Center for more information at 708/361-1873.

This year's Monarch Butterfly Festival is on Sunday, September 16 from 11am-5 pm. The fest features food, arts and crafts, and frolic for an entire day of family fun. There is a small entrance fee for the event.

### EDUCATION News & Notes

Play With Letters Desk Gets An "A"



**BACK TO SCHOOL—A new desk adds a multi-sensory experience to learning letters.**

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## Columbus Manor Park renovated

The Oak Lawn Park District is proud to announce that a playground in Columbus Manor Park at 99th Street and Moody Avenue has been renovated with new pieces and handicapped equipment.

According to Joel Craig, the park district's superintendent of parks, the new playground features a double-wide slide, a tube slide, two climbing ladders, a tree climber, a tic-tac-toe panel, a rescue 911 panel, a free-standing swing set with baby swings and strap swings, and three spring toys: a dinosaur, pelican and police car. The cost of the renovation was approximately \$34,000.

For more information on the parks of Oak Lawn, please call (708)857-2200.

## Sertoma elects new officers

Sertoma Speech & Hearing Center recently elected officers and members to its 2001/2002 Executive Board.

Don Cramer, of Burbank, was elected President; Kathy Adam, Palos Heights, President-Elect; Ron Murray, Lockport, Vice-President; Mike Colella, Palos Heights, Treasurer; Donna Jacobus, Chicago Ridge, Secretary; Gregg Jarman, Crestwood, Chairman of the Board.

Newly elected members of the board include: Kirby Hames, Taylorville; Arlene Kasper, Palos Hills; Tom McCurrie, Palos Hills; Ed Plonis, Bridgeview; Paul Rosenberger, Decatur; Todd Selke, Palos Hills; and Tom Tomaszewski, Flossmoor. The board oversees the op-

eration and management of the Center. Sertoma serves over 9,000 clients each year.

Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center is the only non-profit, community based agency of its kind in the region. Dedicated professionals address all speech and hearing needs of all individuals regardless of income. For more information call 708-599-9500 for the Palos Hills office or 708-957-7122 for the Homewood facility.

## Lourdes High School hosts College Day

Lourdes High School, 4034 W. 56th Street, is hosting College Day on Wednesday, September 26, 2001 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm in the school gym. This event is open to Lourdes High School students and their parents.

This event gives the stu-

dents an opportunity to get an early look at some colleges in which they have an interest and also explore other possibilities for future study. There will be more than 90 representatives from colleges, technical and business schools and the military.

Valuable information and materials from each institution will be available for the students. Now is the time for these students to plan for the future and Lourdes High School is pleased to host this College Day for them. For information about College Day and Lourdes High School please call 773-581-2555.

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## Village View mourns the victims of our American tragedy

## Village board of trustees voted down new business for Oak Lawn

By: F.J. Soczek

In a rare moment of candid introspection, Oak Lawn Village Trustee Ron Stancik succinctly summed up the very essence of Oak Lawn Coalition politics.

*"We're talking out of both sides of our mouth...."*

The context in which Stancik made this Augustinian revelation was the resounding denial of an Oak Lawn property owner's request to lease her property located at 9624 South Cicero to the popular, nationally known institution, *Pizza Hut*.

The property in question has been vacant for over two years, a classic example of the ugly, blighted environment which is clearly the first portent of neighborhood (and community) decay.

An isolated occurrence?

Hardly. Countless, once thriving businesses along major thoroughfares throughout Oak Lawn have languished dormant awaiting some grand plan or scheme amenable to the omnipotent and wise Village elders.

*"Oak Lawn is aggressively pursuing redevelopment on the major commercial arteries to bring new business to the community."*

Excuse me?

The latter expression of Oak Lawn's pivotal game plan can be found in the *Chicago Southland 2001 Visitors Guide*, a popular publication produced by the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Trustee Wm. Keane addressed the matter with calm logic and reason: "It's (Cicero) a commercial avenue, it's not either/or. Businesses are liable to look elsewhere."

Keane related the ongoing problems of under-aged liquor purchases that had plagued the police department with the most recent tenants.

Keane also described the former liquor store as a "pig sty" wherein the tenants "spent nothing" to maintain the physical premises.

The attorney for the petitioner, Richard Klawiter, explained the five-year lease called for over a half-million dollars in capitol improvements on the vacant structure.

Few of the Trustees appeared to be listening.

Clearly, the real root of the problem is, according to Klawiter, traffic continuously "by-passing" the 95th & Cicero traffic gridlock...and taking "short-cuts" through the surrounding neighborhood.

Keane drew a comparison to a similar problem further south on Cicero involving "one of the largest liquor stores in the area."

"Parking (and traffic) at the latter business is a problem day and night," Keane observed.

"We might just as well close off all traffic (on Cicero) from 87th St. 111th Street," Keane remarked in exasperation.

Trustee Robt. Streit, normally an advocate for small businesses, took up the "not in my neighborhood" cause of a dozen or so residents who

presented petitions to the Planning and Development Commission.

Both sides now....

"But what about the (proposed) development at 54th Ct.," Trustee Ron Stancik argued, referring to the ill-fated *Krispy Kreme* (and now *Oscos*) projects.

"And the new McDonalds on McVicker...We have set enough precedent..."

Stancik appeared to be actually taking counsel from the impressive, oft quoted *Mission Statement* of the Oak Lawn Development Commission:

*"Business goes where it is invited and stays where it is well treated."*

The proposed *Pizza Hut* would be designed for "carry-out" orders only, thus eliminating the need for the greater parking space requirements of a dine-in establishment.

Jobs would be created. Much needed tax revenues would be restored. The physical appearance of the streetscape would be greatly enhanced by the thousands of dollars of improvements promised by the petitioners.

The final vote as to whether *Pizza Hut* was worthy of an official "invitation" by Village Trustees was ultimately 4-2 against, with William Keane and Jerry Hurckes voting in favor of the business.

And despite his passionate plea to the contrary, mayoral heir-apparent Ron Stancik followed the middle of the road, "both sides of his mouth" posture of a true politician.

And voted against the development.



# Seniors Ask

By Margo Schreiber, Director, Illinois Dept. on Aging

Question: My husband and I are worried about an elderly aunt. Her gambling seems to be escalating more each month, and it is all she talks about. She hasn't wanted to do anything else since my uncle died, and I don't know how she can afford to go to the casinos so much. I hate to see her throwing all her money into slot machines in her golden years. Any suggestions?

Answer: If your aunt, as you imply, is only living for gambling, then it is very sad. Gambling for most people is an enjoyable recreation; for others it can become a serious problem or compulsion. In fact, it is now being viewed as more of a mental health issue versus a vice.

It is a hard issue to solve because people do not want to acknowledge they have a problem or that their own money could be better spent. Still, I think some intervention may be necessary, because it sounds as though your aunt is suffering from grief and depression. Those two factors make someone vulnerable to "escape gambling", also known as late-onset gambling.

Accessibility is dangerous.

Everyone now lives either near a casino, off-track betting facility, bingo hall or riverboat. Many senior centers offer gambling trips so that transportation is provided. If these group are making it convenient for seniors to gamble, hopefully they are informing them about the risks.

According to the Arizona Council on Compulsive Gambling, the signs that gambling has gone from a pastime to a problem are:

- \*Talks only about wins, never loses
- \*Lies about gambling
- \*Hides gambling losses
- \*Chases losses
- \*Withdrawal from family and friends
- \*Unexplained absence of household or personal items
- \*Bored outside of gambling
- \*Unable to meet living expenses that were previously met
- \*Borrowing money from family and friends
- \*Depleting financial reserves
- \*Gambling on credit

When people get to that point, professional help is needed. Ask your aunt to

seek help, starting with her physician. Her physician can diagnose and treat depression. If you suspect your aunt needs professional treatment for gambling, then seek the advice of a certified gambling counselor at 1-800-522-4700.

I am sure you can help your aunt find more meaningful ways to spend her time than plunking coins in a machine. There is no reason she should go through her whole life, maybe with no addiction to anything, only to succumb to gambling in her older years.

There is a website sponsored by the National Council on Problem Gambling at [www.seniorproblemgambling.org](http://www.seniorproblemgambling.org), or call the Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 for information or referrals, or write to:

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## Evergreen Plaza

### renamed "The Plaza"

This fall, Evergreen Plaza at 95th Street and Western Avenue, will officially be renamed *The Plaza*, as a salute to their steady customers who have lovingly referred to the mall as "The Plaza" since the 1950's.

*The Plaza* will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2002. The commitment to change the mall's name was sealed by a recent community survey distributed by The Provo Group through direct mail and newspaper advertising. The formal name change will be supported by a new logo for the center's advertising and on-site signage.

*The Plaza* was developed in 1952 and is a retail cornerstone for the south suburbs and surrounding Chicago neighborhoods. With Carson Pirie Scott as its anchor, the center ranks as one of the top retail developments in the country based on sales per square foot.

## Tips on preventing hearing loss

Once you've damaged your hearing, you've damaged it for good. That is the bad news. The good news is that once you understand how to prevent noise-induced hearing loss, it is easy to preserve your hearing well into your future.

Noises are transmitted to the brain via microscopic hair cells within the inner ear, and it's these tiny, irreplaceable cells are damaged with loud noise exposure. The noise doesn't have to be painfully loud to wreck things: typically, hearing loss is caused by loud noise sustained over a period of time. Listening to a headset, for example, at the levels most users listen over a period of time, is enough to damage your hearing.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health suggests that **continued exposure to noises over 85 dba (decibels) can cause hearing loss-the noise level of busy traffic or a restaurant.**

Hearing protection is simple to use, preserving your hearing for the future. Schedule an appointment with an audiologist to learn ways to preserve your hearing.

## Catholic Charities USA collecting financial donations

Catholic Charities USA is receiving financial donations to help with disaster relief following the tragic events in New York, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania.

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## Cruising down the river

Members of the Advance Bank Prosperity Club recently enjoyed a summer cruise aboard *The Pride of Oregon* on the Rock River in Oregon, Illinois. A delicious luncheon was served and members sat on deck and watched the river roll by while others enjoyed the entertainment on the upper deck. It was reported that a good time was had by all. For information about the Prosperity Club and upcoming events, please call 708-418-2600.

## Appreciation Week at Oak Lawn Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library at 5300 W. 95th Street will hold a special "Patron Appreciation Week" September 23-29.

As part of the week-long appreciation, Oak Lawn residents are invited to stop by the circulation desk to pick up a free "Read to Succeed" leatherette bookmark.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. For information on how Oak Lawn residents can get a library card, call 708/422-4990.

## Southwest holds clothing sale

Southwest Chicago Christian Schools will hold a Fall/Winter children's clothing resale on Saturday, September 29th from 9 a.m.-12 noon at the Oak Lawn gym. Toys and baby equipment will also be sold. The seller receives 70% of the sale and the school receives 30%.

If you have items to sell, you may register at the Oak Lawn campus located at 5665 W. 101 Street, or at the Tinley Park Campus at 17171 S. 84th Avenue.

The registration fee is \$2. Pre-Registrations will NOT be accepted. Only adults will be permitted in the gym during the sale. For more information, please contact Pam Timmer at 361-4451.

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## John Lynn's "Freewheeling in Ireland" comes to Oak Lawn Library

Sit back and enjoy the scenery as renowned traveler, John Lynn, presents "Freewheeling in Ireland" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26th at the Oak Lawn Public Library at 5300 W. 95th Street. Free admission. First come, first-seated in their lower-level meeting room.

A favorite of library audiences, John Lynn returns with a colorful travelog slide presentation featuring the best of Ireland--its landscapes, villages and people--as experienced during his 1,140 mile bicycling adventure on the Emerald Isle.

Lynn is a frequent guest on radio and TV programs throughout the Midwest. More than 2,000 audiences have enjoyed what he terms as "edutainment", a blend of vivid photography with lively, witty, insightful and authoritative commentaries on his experiences traveling in the U.S. and abroad.

A complete schedule of adult programs offered at the library is available at their Community Information Centers on the first floor, or by calling 708/422-4990.

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# The Plaza Perspective

## BEAT THE BACK TO SCHOOL DAZE

Find fashions from toddlers  
to teens!

Preschoolers singing their ABCs. Middle schoolers traveling through geography class. High schoolers angling in geometry. College students composing in Comp 101. They'll all be shopping at The Plaza, 9500 S. Western Ave., Evergreen Park, for back to school wardrobes that match all tastes and trends.

Summer's heat is breaking away to cool fall fashions for the younger set. Topping the shopping list this year for girls are skirts and slacks in a variety of colorful plaids. The guys are getting comfortable as jogging suits make a comeback. And it's no



surprise that jeans of every color, length, width and description remain very much in demand for all ages.

A recent shopping romp through The Plaza gave a great reflection of what's been appearing on the pages of the fashion magazines for students. From your Joe Boxers up to your Ecko caps and down to your Air Force One Nikes, The Plaza is the place to shop this fall.

**Primary Numbers** - Preschoolers will be really cute numbers when they start school this year after shopping at The Plaza for clothes, shoes, outerwear, underwear and accessories. **The Children's Place**, The Plaza's newest children's store, offers sizes 0 to 14 in all of the most popular colors and styles this season. Popular for little girls are the coordinated denim jeans and jackets in an array of bright colors -- most appealingly pink and purple. Boys are choosing jogging suits in fall colors of rust, green and gray.

Small-size versions of popular brand names appeal to kids. At **Club Soda** find a fantastic selection of Sean John, Tommy Hilfiger, Guess and Nautica clothing for little boys and girls. "Casual clothes are still the number one seller," said Dorothy Williams, sales associate at Club Soda. "Look around -- you see jeans and jogging suits."



**Fiddle Stix** offers brands that include DKNY jeans and shirts, Guess, Pelle and Nautica for little boys and girls, but also stocks the more traditional girls' clothing: darling jumpers, colorful chenille sweaters and lacy, pretty party dresses. At **Rainbow Kids** choose outfits decorated with favorite characters, coordinated jean sets for boys and slack outfits for girls, plus pick up book bags, barrettes and socks.

**It's Elementary** - All the most looked-for labels are available at several of The Plaza's apparel stores for youngsters.

According to sales associate Brandy Rogers at **The Kid's Choice**, Sean John clothing has been the best seller as the back-to-school shopping season heats up. "Levis always sell, and the Rocawear just came in -- we're expecting that to be good," Rogers said.

For middle-schoolers, expect the fashion transition to include the new trendy jeans, hip hats, bulky belts and roomy bags. Start the shopping trip at **Rene Roberts** for stylish fashion statements. Although you can find what you need for all the students on your shopping list at **Corson, Pirie, Scott**, the selection for middle-schoolers earns an A+. Choose casual clothing to dress wear, undergarments to winter coats, and style selections that fit the conservative student as well as the kids in an alternative groove.



**High School Assignment** - The high school fashion assignment is making a statement in one glance. The Plaza shops have done their homework well! For kids who are looking for a loud and clear clothing statement, shop at **New York's Hot Stuff**, a shop filled with characters and color offering a hip hop selection of oversize shirts, pants and coordinates. Teenage girls will fill their closets at stores like **Deb** and **Lerner of New York**. Each of these shops offers a generous selection of casual and dress casual clothes. At Lerner find great trousers, skirts and blazers in the neutrals and plaids so popular this fall. Find the newest jean styles -- bell-bottoms, hip huggers, ripped and ragged -- as well as t-shirts, sweaters, and blouses. At **Deb** and **Strawberry** find plus sizes in the styles young girls are looking for. Strawberry also offers Moulin Rouge-wear and clothing from Mudd, Calvin Klein and Fubu. **Rainbow** offers an array of clunky, funky platform shoes and slide-on sneakers, as well as sleek long-length sweaters and preppy plaids. School uniforms are also in stock!

**From Dorm to Lecture Hall** - College kids want clothes that look great, wear well and go with everything. This fall, jogging suits for men are back on track for comfort and style. Find a terrific selection of sweats, jeans, denim jackets and leather for guys at **Technique**. Rave reviews are in -- get slogan t-shirts for your "Angel", "Rodeo Girl" or "Princess," as well as colorful chenille sweaters for cool autumn nights and roomy pajamas for the dorm! The **Lark** offers selections for men and women in a variety of the latest styles for decorative leathers, jeans, zip-front sweatshirts, high-style jeans and sexy shirts. For fabulous footwear choose Timberland boots in a variety of styles and colors at The Lark and other Plaza stores. For date night, check out **City Blues** where the motto is "Life is a Mess -- Dress It Up." **Belvidere Blues** is back to casual wear Ecko, Sean John, Rocawear and more.



**If the Shoe Fits** - Shopping for school shoes is more fun than ever at The Plaza! Athletic shoes come in a variety of styles and colors, and fine stores like **Underground Station**, **Kids Foot Locker**, **Foot Locker**, **Lady Foot Locker**, **Chomp Sports** and **Finish Line** all carry accessories, book bags and handbags, socks, caps and clothing to round out the back-to-school wardrobe. Popular this year are athletic shoes in all black -- many schools require black shoes. Topping the list in sales at the Foot Locker and Champs stores are Nike's Air Force Ones. **Underground Station** offers dress and dress casual shoes in addition to athletic shoes by Lugz, Sketcher and Polo Sport. Champs also offers a wide selection of athletic gear, sports bags, team shirts and even waterproof Fossil watches for kids who want to make sure they get to class on time!

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## Employees observe National Day of Prayer and Remembrance

All sixteen offices of Advance Bank participated in the National Day of Prayer and Remembrances declared by President Bush on Friday, September 14.

Advance closed its offices

for ten minutes noon so employees could observe a time of silence and prayer for our Nation's tragedy, and for the families and loved ones of those who perished or were still missing. At the main office in Lansing, the Bank's CEO, Jim Fitch, Jr., led employees in prayer as they gathered outside the building near the Bank's American flag, which continues to fly at half mast. Mr. Fitch stated that he admired the

President's national call to prayer and believed this was an important part of the healing process for our Nation.

Many Advance Bank employees joined in at several prayer and remembrance gatherings over the weekend, and also participated in local blood drives.

## Y Guides Program captures family values

The Y Guides programs of the YMCA Network are currently registering individuals and families who are interested in strengthening family relationships. Each of the Y Guide programs are

unique, yet they are all based upon the same principle -- parents and children learning and having fun together. A variety of monthly activities provide opportunities for sharing quality time.

For example, September features a welcoming barbecue, a bike hike and a kite fly.

October activities include a Pumpkin Hunt with a decorating contest. Other monthly

events target a wide range of interests like bowling, swimming, ice skating, roller skating, and dancing.

There are five branches of the Y Guides that offer programs that range in focus for pre school children; fathers and sons; fathers and daughters, mothers and daughters; mothers and sons.

For more information on various locations, and to discover how you can get involved in the Y Guide programs, contact Julie Benda at 708-460-6907.

## Dear Editor

My heartfelt prayers go out to all those who have lost a loved one in the attack on America. Enough thanks cannot be expressed to the rescue workers and volunteers. We are shocked and angered by this blatant attack on our country. Can you imagine how they must feel as they search for our missing fellow Americans? Although we may not be blood relatives we too share the loss for we are the family of America.

When we pledge our allegiance to the flag we state, "one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." Our liberty is at risk and the guilty must be brought to justice. This tragedy is a reality. It has enlightened us as to what is important in this life. We are praying to God for we know we are powerless without Him.

Americans are strong in character and principle. They help in time of need and share in the sorrow of their fellow Americans. We stand united.

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God keep us safe from further attacks, Enlighten us, Guide us, and Bless this great country and its people. We thank You for all You do for us.

A Fellow American,  
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## Fibromyalgia Research Discovery

By Janet Kelly

After researching for the past 11 years and having to deal with symptoms such as swollen lymph nodes, fever, muscle and joint pain, vision and hearing problems, skin problems, hypersensitivity and female problems, women who have the disease, even after seeing a number of physicians, problems were not being solved. Doctors were finding that it's not one thing but a combination of things that are the source of the problem, making it all the more difficult to deal with.

I've found there are some brave researchers who have chosen to do what is right. They have found that chronic fatigue, Fibromyalgia and neuropathy, which is when the disease becomes visible to some degree on the body, is caused to a great extent by

a bacteria called mycoplasma, to which there are many types.

There are a number of tests that can be done to determine which of the mycoplasmas a person may carry, and then can determine which treatment should be given. Treatments can vary but is usually a combination of antibiotics and natural therapies. The Clinic will send an information packet which will explain what is needed to be done for both the patient and a caring physician.

The address and phone numbers are:

International Molecular Diagnostic Inc. 15162 Triton Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92649 USA. Telephone number is (714) 903-2900. Fax number is (714) 379-2082. There is also a toll free number (888) 882-8838.

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Comfort Keepers provides seniors with the extra assistance that they and their families need to manage their everyday life. They provide an array of non-medical, in-home services that are tailored to meet the needs of each individual client. Their caregivers are available by the hour, by the day, or by the week, so a package can be designed to fit almost anyone's budget.

All Comfort Keepers employees are dependable, caring professionals who have been thoroughly screened and formally trained. They are also bonded and insured.

## NARFE's next scheduled meeting

National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1106 will hold their next meeting on September 19, at 10:00 am in the Oak Lawn Municipal Building located at 9446 Raymond Avenue.

This non profit organization consists of retired federal employees, their spouses, survivors and current active employees who live in Southwest Chicago and the Southwest suburbs. NARFE gives expert advice and service with the many questions retirement and pre-retirement brings.

If you are interested in joining or need more information, please join us at this meeting or call 708-458-4990 or email to jaltar\_2000@yahoo.com.

## United Polka

The Tinley Park/Joliet Chapter of the United Polka Association would like to invite everyone to their Annual Fall Dance on September 30th.

The dance will be held at The Glendora House at 10225 S. Harlem in Chicago Ridge. Doors will open at 2 p.m., with music from 3-7 p.m. by *The Good Times*. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door.

For advance tickets, please call 708/633-9656.

*EMotion Pictures: An Exhibition of Orthopedics in Art* will be at the Chicago Cultural Center September 21-November 25. This juried exhibition, sponsored by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, featuring artists from 10 countries and 23 states. Each piece includes a personal narrative of the artists' inspiration for their work.

Some of their stories include:

\*A surgeon, who has treated patients for 30 years, shows through a sketch on graphite how the human skeleton houses the soul.

\*A 10 year old boy, living with a spinal condition, created a jungle collage depicting a place where he can hide from his disease.

*EMotion Pictures* will take place at the Chicago Cultural Center on Michigan Avenue. For more information, visit [www.emotionpictures.aaos.org](http://www.emotionpictures.aaos.org).

"We live in a very mobile society," says Mark Pressley. "Years ago, children usually lived near their parents and since there were far less double income families, someone was usually available to provide assistance to their elderly parents. Today, many family members live hundreds of miles away. Comfort Keepers can step in to help provide the additional assistance needed. Since our clients decide how often they need us, our services are an affordable and practical choice." Mark Pressley operates the Comfort Keepers office serving the Oak Lawn, Evergreen Park, and Palos areas.

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## Exhibit shows pain can inspire art

Many great artists have endured great emotional pain in the creation of their artwork. However, there are other artists whose physical pain has inspired them to create artwork.

## Take the guesswork out of migraine treatment

More than 28 million Americans suffer from migraines, are you one of them? The National Headache Foundation (NHF) recently launched two new educational resource guides on its website designed to assist sufferers

at [www.headaches.org](http://www.headaches.org). Both interactive modules, *Migraine Headaches and Treatment* and *Migraine Prevention: A Guide to the Latest Methods and Treatments*, provide comprehensive information about migraine headache and were designed as a "one stop shop" for sufferers and their families. So, if migraines are a part of your life, or that of someone you know, log on and learn how to reclaim your life.

Migraine headaches and treatment is a comprehensive, self running audio presentation, which provides an in depth review of migraines. Underwritten through an unrestricted educational grant from GlaxoSmithKline, this section identifies the common myths and facts about migraine focusing on the triggers and causes, as well as medications and non-medication treatment options.

The NHF website also provides information about support groups, current headache topics and news, information on patient assistance, other in depth educational modules and excerpts from the NHF Headlines newsletter.

## Moraine Valley offers continuing education in health care

Moraine Valley offers a variety of continuing education courses in the field of health care during September and October.

The classes vary from Basic Nurse Assistant Training to Medical/Surgical preparation.

The classes offered in September include Spanish for Health Care Professionals, Current Nursing Practice Update (R. N. refresher), Intravenous (IV) Therapy Workshop, Current Approaches in Mechanical Ventilation, and Caring for People with Alzheimer's disease.

October classes include Basic Nurse Assistant Training, Introduction to Dental Radiology, Coronal Polishing, and Pit and Fissure Sealant Placement for Dental Assistants, ICD9-CM Advanced Coding Update, Introduction to Basic ICD9-CM Coding, Billing and Collection Procedures for Medical

The National Headache Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving headache sufferers, their families and the healthcare providers who treat them; promoting research into headache causes and treatments; and educating the public to the fact that headaches are a legitimate biological disease and sufferers deserve understanding and continuity of care.

Offices, Medical Terminology, Case Management and Diagnostic Workup in Mammography, Principles of Radiographic Exposure, Trauma Radiography, Complementary and Alternative Therapies, Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters (PICC) Training, and Psychosocial Issues of the Elderly.

Fees for these classes vary between \$50 and \$355, excluding class materials.

For more information on the variety of health care classes Moraine Valley offers, please call 708-974-5747 or visit the Moraine Valley college website at [www.moraine.cc.il.us](http://www.moraine.cc.il.us).

Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Avenue, Palos Hills. Students also can register by phone with an operator by calling 708-974-2110.

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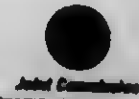


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## Dr. Li-Mei Ku explains acupuncture

By Jude Coyle

"There are two ways to explain acupuncture," Dr. Li-Mei Ku, Chiropractor and Diplomat of Acupuncture, said. Traditional Chinese practitioners believe that there are fourteen meridians in the body. A meridian is a channel through which energy flows. There are three in each arm, three in each leg, and two traveling from the head to the trunk, down the center of the body.

When someone is ill or in pain, the traditionalists believe one of the meridians is blocked. By applying needles to acupuncture points located along the meridians, specialists like Dr. Li-Mei Ku can relieve the blockage.

The scientific community has another explanation. They believe that the application of acupuncture needles releases endorphins and other natural mood altering chemicals into the blood stream, which causes pain to di-

minish.

According to Dr. Ku, acupuncture is not a cure for illnesses like cancer, although it is useful in relieving the painful side effects of cancer treatments. She uses it for back and neck pain, sore muscles, headaches and migraines, for menstrual cramps and relief from P.M.S. symptoms.

"Some acupuncture points are spiritual," Dr. Ku explained, "And are used to calm the spirit." She highly recommends the use of acupuncture for weight reduction, or as a method to quit smoking. There are psychological and physical needs for nicotine. Acupuncture can help lessen the physical desire. "Of course," she said, "One must be willing to quit first."

Dr. Ku also recommends acupuncture for those who have sought out the help of infertility doctors, but could not find a physical reason for infer-

tility. "Sometimes it is too much stress," she explained.

Dr. Li-Mei Ku emigrated from Taiwan in 1979. She is married, and has a fourteen-year-old daughter. She holds a masters degree from the University of Chicago in Library Science.

She worked for several medical school libraries. The last place she worked as a librarian was at the National College of Chiropractic in Lombard. "I found that very interesting," Dr. Ku said. Her interest led her to enroll at the National College of Chiropractic. Four years later, she had her degree. "My husband is very supportive, and my daughter is very independent," Dr. Ku commented when asked about her home life.

"All chiropractic physicians are trained acupuncturists," Dr. Ku explained. That wasn't enough though. She spent a year's apprenticeship

with a highly respected acupuncture specialist in Lisle. This doctor came from Mainland China thirty years earlier.

In March 2001, Dr. Ku passed the National Board of Acupuncture examination. "This is important," she said. "When you look in Consumer Reports, they tell you to seek only Board Certified Acupuncturists."

Although acupuncture is important to her practice, she is a fully qualified chiropractic physician. She has state-of-the-art equipment, including massage, hot pack, electrical steam, interfertal machines at hand for the treatment of muscle, arthritis, and other types of pain.

Dr. Ku has practiced for four years. Her first office was located in Beverly.

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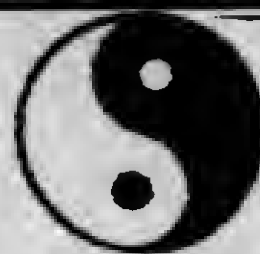
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## Early detection best defense against oral cancer

Oral cancer will affect more than 30,000 Americans this year, making it the sixth most common cancer for males -- killing more people each year than melanoma or cervical cancer.

"Oral cancer usually begins as a small red or white spot that looks like an irritation, or an ulcer," said Dr. Cheryl Watson-Lowry, a general dentist in Chicago and spokesperson for the Chicago Dental Society. "The most common site is on the side of the tongue. The lesion oftentimes is not painful or noticeable until it becomes infected or increases in size."

Like many cancers, early detection can improve the chances of successful treatment. As part of a regular oral examination your dentist can check your oral tissues for signs of cancerous or precancerous lesions. "Tobacco use (in any form) and alcohol consumption are the two most important risk fac-

tors for developing oral cancer," warns Dr. Watson-Lowry. "If you are a male who uses tobacco and drinks alcohol, it is essential that you examine your mouth daily for any abnormalities and that you receive an oral cancer screening each time you visit your dentist." Dr. Watson-Lowry also recommends avoiding excessive use of alcohol containing mouth rinses.

Oral cancer is detected via a biopsy that includes removing all or part of the growth. The sample is sent to a lab where the cells are examined. If the growth is malignant, oral cancer may be treated with surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy or a combination of the aforementioned.

"Adults may be able to reduce the potential for oral cancer by practicing good oral hygiene, by having your dentist or physician check your mouth regularly for skin

lesions (sores) and abrasions and by adopting healthful lifestyle -- one that does not include tobacco use and limits alcohol consumption," said Dr. Watson-Lowry.

Contact the Chicago Dental Society at [www.chicagodentalsociety.org](http://www.chicagodentalsociety.org) for more information regarding oral cancer and other oral health issues.

## Kids Expo 2001 invites families to a Children's Health Fair

Advocate Hope Children's Hospital is offering "Kids Expo 2001: A Children's Health Fair," Saturday, October 13, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the John H. Kinzie Elementary School, 5625 S. Mobile in Chicago. This is the fourth anniversary of the free family event.

Hope's fair will offer fun, interactive demonstrations of the latest developments in children's health care. Exhibits will include: "The Convincer," a seatbelt safety demonstration vehicle; fatal vision goggles which mimic the effects of driving under the influence; a car seat safety check; a bike safety skill drill; a wheelchair obstacle

course, health screenings; fitness obstacle course, finger cast demonstrations, Chicago Police Department's Canine Unit and much more! Giveaways will be offered to children participating in the interactive demonstrations. Multi sport helmets will be available for \$10.

More fun and games will be offered by Radio Disney's Dr. Phil Good. Registration for the free event will be taken at the door. The first 500 children attending the event will receive a free t-shirt, and all who register will be eligible for free prize drawings being held throughout the day. For more information call 1-800-3-ADVOCATE.

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Psoriasis and atopic dermatitis (AD) are debilitating skin diseases affecting millions of Americans, according to Kenneth B. Gordon, M.D., Department of Dermatology, Northwestern University, Chicago. The Dead Sea, over six thousand miles away in Israel, has been renowned for centuries for its healing effects on these diseases.

For the first time in the United States, the special properties of the Dead Sea will be available for patients with psoriasis and AD at the new Mavenna Derma Center in Des Plaines, Illinois, a northwestern suburb of Chicago easily accessible by car or public transportation.

A survey sponsored by the National Psoriasis Foundation showed that three out of four people with psoriasis believe the disease adversely affects a person's self confidence.

"Atopic dermatitis, which causes itchy, red, irritated skin, affects about ten percent

of children and is a skin condition affecting many children and adults living in the Chicago area," Dr. Gordon continued. "Due to Chicago's climate, psoriasis and AD can worsen in the winter because of dry air, lack of sunlight and irritants found in winter garments," he noted.

According to Paul Goldenfeld, president of Mavenna North America, Mavenna's specialized treatment for psoriasis and AD is based on a history of treatment that has helped people suffering from these debilitating skin diseases for centuries. In their unique treatment called Balneo-Phototherapy, Mavenna harnesses the natural beneficial elements of the Dead Sea, including salt from its deep, mineral rich waters, and optimal qualities of narrow band UVB light.

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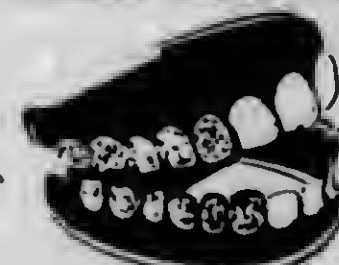
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## Bunco party at Hickory

The Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church at 8426 W. 95th Street will hold its *Fall Card and Bunco Party* on Friday, September 28th at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$4 and can be purchased at the door. Light refreshments will be served and raffles and table prizes will be offered.

## Fall Flea Market

The Senior Citizen Council will hold their Fall Flea Market at the Senior Center, 5330 W. 95th Street, on Friday, October 5 at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday, October 6 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Thursday, October 4 will be drop off day for those wishing to donate items. We will accept donations from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm on the 4th. Items that can be used include pots, pans, dishes, glasses, plants, books, records, small appliances, knick-knacks, jewelry and small clean articles of clothing. Heavy furniture and extremely large appliances that are difficult to move cannot be accepted.

Lunch will also be served at the Center for a nominal fee. Hot dogs, sandwiches, salads, desserts and coffee will be available.

## Spaghetti Dinner

Join Boy Scout Troop 618 for their annual Spaghetti Dinner to be held Saturday, October 6, 2001 4:00 to 7:30 pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Avenue in Oak Lawn.

Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children ages 4-12. Dinner includes all the spaghetti you can eat, salad, bread, coffee, tea, and koolaid. Tickets can be obtained at the door or call 708-636-2790 for further information.

Brother Rice High School will hold its 17th Annual All Alumni Reunion Dinner Friday, October 5, at the Rosewood West, located at 131st (Rt. 83) and Cicero in Crestwood.

This year, three Men of the Year will be feted at the dinner: Rich Marfise of Alsip, Greg Papiernik, Class of 1976 of Lemont, and John Wakerly, Class of 1966 of Mountain View, California.

All three men have made great contributions to Br. Rice over the years. Marfise was a full time faculty member for 32 years, teaching business classes. He was the school's golf coach from 1982-94 and won the Tony Lawless Award as top coach in the Chicago Catholic League three times.

Papiernik was President of the Br. Rice Alumni Association from 1997-2000 and oversaw tremendous growth in the organization.

Wakerly is one of Br. Rice's most generous benefactors, donating the school's new physics and computer labs. He is Vice President and

Chief Technical Officer for the Enterprise Line of Business at Cisco Systems in San Jose, California.

In addition to the Men of the Year, longtime Br. Rice baseball coach and vice principal George Sedlacek of Downers Grove will be named an Honorary Alumnus of the School. Sedlacek had more wins when he retired as head coach than any other baseball coach in Illinois high school history. Sedlacek never had a losing season in his 28 years as Head Varsity Baseball Coach from 1962 to 1989. His teams were Catholic League Champions in '64, '66, '68, '71, '77, '80, '83, and '87. His 1976 team were state champions and the Crusaders finished second in state in 1981.

All Br. Rice alumni are invited to attend. For table reservations, call Dorothy Mendes in the Alumni Office at 773-779-3410, ext. 140. Tickets are \$50, \$60 at the door. The evening begins with an open bar at 7:00 pm, and also includes dinner and ceremonies.

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## Berwyn Designer puts his mark on theater

By Anita Anderson

Gregory Slawko relies on his designing imagination when in the process of creating costumes for such productions as *I Hate Hamlet*, which runs through October 7 at the Drury Lane Oakbrook.

Susan Hart, who plays real estate agent Felicia Dantine, required a special furry jacket for one scene. Viola, Slawko found just what he needed at JC Penney...and NOT in the Misses Department. Slawko transformed a white woolly rug into a jacket for the kooky character Hart portrays.

Artistic imagination gone wild? The audience reaction to the costuming in the comedy that revolves around the late actor John Barrymore and his gothic-style residence makes for funny goings-on.

Slawko, the Resident Costume Designer at Drury Lane Oakbrook, has created costumes for productions such as *West Side Story*, *Grease*, *Carousel*, *Gypsy*, and *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Currently, he is putting his unique touch on the costumes for Milwaukee's Skylight Opera Theater's production of *Hello Dolly*.

## "Beauty and the Beast"

*Beauty and The Beast*, Disney's 1991 full-length animated film comes to life on ice in a rousing one-of-a-kind spectacular. DISNEY ON ICE presents *Beauty and The Beast*, which will take to the ice September 26-October 7 at the Allstate Arena and United Center.

Kenneth Feld, the world's leading producer of live family entertainment, magically creates, on ice, the "tale as old as time" as one of the story's characters, Mrs. Potts, reminds us in song.

This spectacular will feature a 40 member cast of international ice champions, as well as stunning special effects.

The show is set to music from the original motion picture soundtrack, composed by the late Howard Ashman and Alan Menken. This live spectacular features the superstar voice-over talent of Angela Lansbury, Robbie Benson, Jerry Orbach, David Ogden Stiers and Paige O'Hara.

"Once I begin a project I am totally focused," Slawko says. "I design for dramatic purpose after consulting with the director to get his views, and from the actors for their input."

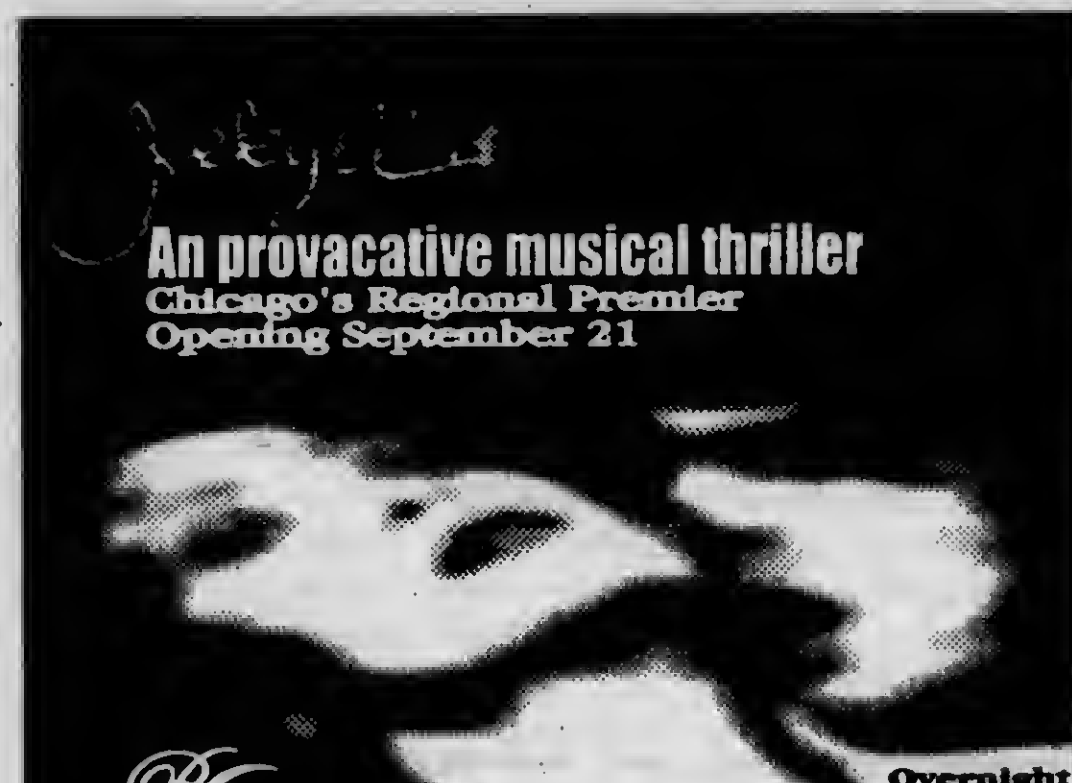
Slawko, who holds an M.F.A. in theater design from Northwestern University, also is a longtime collector of

unusual decorative masks from around the world. He shares his Berwyn home with his dog Zelda, whom he rescued after discovering the dog tied to a pole in an alley on a freezing winter night.

"My field is difficult to break into: Very few theaters have resident costume designers. My big break probably came when I designed a premier piece for the Joffrey Ballet, which they still use."

Slawko was nominated for a Jeff Award for his work on *Dames at Sea*, a daunting task that required him to create tap-dancing necklaces.

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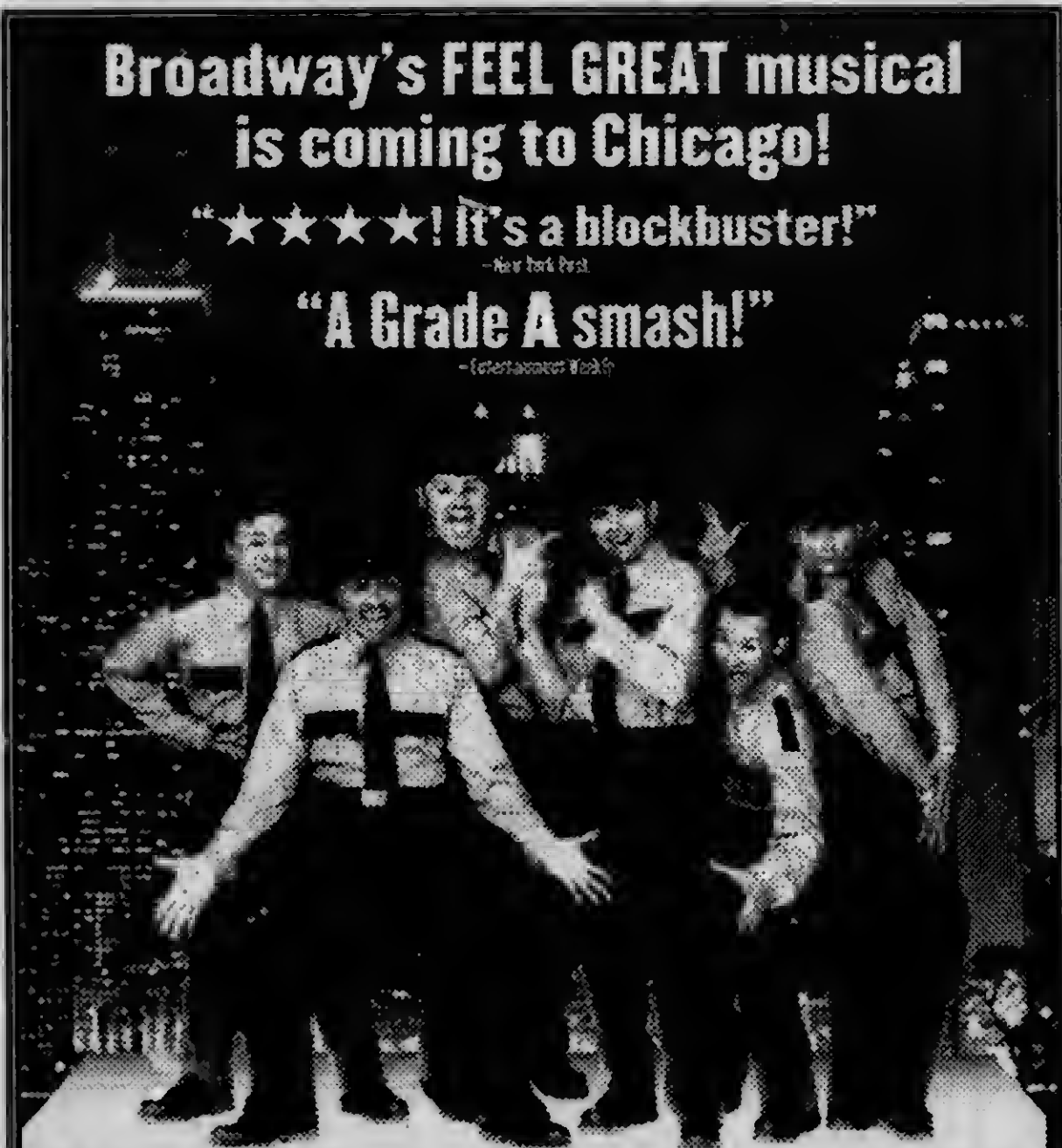
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From left to right: Jan Lightcap-Frith, daughters Chris and Kim, and husband Bob Frith.

## A Cancer Battle Triumph

By: F. J Soczek

This is a story about a miracle.

A tenuously guarded miracle, but a miracle none the less.

Five years ago, Oak Lawn resident Jan Lightcap-Frith was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Jan elected to have a lumpectomy performed, followed by radiation treatment and chemotherapy.

For three years, the cancer remained in remission.

Two years ago during a follow up visit, her doctor informed her the cancer had spread to her hip bone.

The doctor explained there was really not much more he could do, except continue the chemo-therapy for the Stage IV illness.

Jan was told she had approximately 2-3 years to live.

But Jan literally refused to accept such a fate. A good friend gave her a book entitled *A Cancer Battle Plan*, by Anne Frahm.

The latter book became a pivotal turning point in her battle against the dreaded disease.

Jan, with the help of her friends and family, took a vigorous *offensive* approach to what many perceive as a death sentence.

And during a subsequent visit to the same doctors who verily sealed her fate, Jan learned a true miracle had taken place.

The tests were unable to indicate a single trace of cancer.

Jan has attributed much of her victory to a physical, (and spiritual) transformation aided in part by Health Quarters Ministries of Colorado.

The 11 day program is a mini "boot-camp" which focuses on obtaining better health by "teaching and promoting the principles of nutrition, body detoxification and rebuilding the immune system via nutrition."

The program, presented in a mountain lodge bordering Pikes Peak National Forest, offers what some feel is a new beginning in the battle against "terminal" afflictions.

Among the concepts administered by Health Quarters are: A seven day intensive detoxification and fast; organically grown juices, blood cleaners and supplements; massage therapy; dry brushing daily; enemas/liver/gallbladder flushing, as well as Bible classes designed to meet the spiritual and emotional needs.

Participants are also instructed on how to continue the basic principles once they return home.

Many of the nutritional "no-nos" espoused by the program are already well ingrained in the American psyche--such as avoiding refined sugars, caffeine, meat, dairy products, while substituting fresh or organically grown fruits, vegetables and juices.

Needless to say, maintaining such a significant lifestyle "change" is not inexpensive.

And the insurance companies, in their infinite wisdom, fail for the most part to even recognize such a common sense, pro-active approach to fighting disease.

A group of Jan's friends will gather at 115 Bourbon

St., 115th & Homan in Merrionette Park Sunday, September 23rd from 12-6 p.m. to help out with her burgeoning expenses.

Food, entertainment, raffles and silent auctions will be held, with all proceeds going to offset Jan's financial plight.

Tickets (\$25.00, which includes all you can eat & drink!) may be obtained in advance by calling Kim at (708) 261-3274 or by checking out the FLIP Benefit website: [www.geocities.com/flipbenefit](http://www.geocities.com/flipbenefit) or by paging Rick at (708) 817-7767.

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## Rest Haven Auxiliary Fall Luncheon

Rest Haven Central Auxiliary will hold it's Fall Luncheon on Tuesday, October 9. The guest speaker for this event will be Chris Klein, founder of *Clay Vessel Ministries*. From the onset of his life, Chris faced obstacles. Due to a prolapsed umbilical cord, doctors had to perform an emergency c-section in order to save his life. Once born, Chris lacked oxygen for 45 minutes, and because of these difficulties, Chris has Cerebral Palsy. But this disability has not stopped Chris from living an active and inspiring life.

In 1997, Chris graduated from Hope College in Holland, Michigan, and then entered the Western Theological Seminary to continue his studies in ministry. Now, Chris has founded *Clay Vessel Ministries*, a non profit organization to encourage and inspire others; with without physical disabilities, and to strength their faith and hope in God.

You may visit Clay Vessel's website at

[www.clayvesselministries.org](http://www.clayvesselministries.org).

The luncheon will be held on the grounds of Rest Haven Central at 13259 S. Central in Palos Heights at Noon. The cost of the luncheon is \$6 each, but you must call ahead to reserve seats. For ticket information and reservations please call Grace DeRoos at 708-422-7066.

## St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital

St. Jude's Research Hospital announced today the successful completion of the Math-A-Thon at Richards Campus High School in Oak Lawn. Math-A-Thon, now in its 22nd year, is an educationally based fund raising program in which students obtain sponsors for the number of math problems completed in special workbooks provided for students in grades K-9. The program is sponsored nationally by Six Flags Theme Parks, who provide free passes to their parks for every student raising \$35 or more.

The students who participate in the program learn to do more than just math problems; they

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Resource people from approximately 200 private and public colleges and universities will answer questions high school juniors and seniors may have about the admissions process and programs of study at various schools throughout the country.

In addition to College Night, many of these college reps will visit the high schools throughout the academic year to speak with students.

For further information, contact the guidance department at either school. Mother McAuley's number is 773/881-6540 and Brother Rice is 773/779-3410 ex. 116.

## Oak Lawn Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library at 5300 W. 95th Street, will host eight free opera lectures that coincide with the Lyric Opera of Chicago's 2001-2002 season. Lectures will be held on select Sundays at 2 p.m., September through February, in the library's lower level meeting room.

Members of the Lyric Lecture Corps will present informative sessions that explain the plot, give the background on the composer and provide a sampling of musical selections.

The September and October listings are: Sunday, September 23 at 2 p.m., *Otello*; Sunday, October 7 at 2 p.m., *Street Scene*; Sunday, October 28 at 2 p.m., *I Capuleti e i Montecchi*.

The Friends of the Library sponsors this eight lecture series. Please call 708/422-4990 for more information and a complete schedule of adult programs offered at the library.

## Evergreen Park offers "55 Alive" driving class

The last 55 Alive driving class for the year 2001 is offered at the Community Center of Evergreen Park at 3450 W. 97th Street on Monday, October 15 and Tuesday, October 16th from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Attendance on both

## Oak Lawn Garden Club holds meeting

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its September meeting on Thursday, September 27th at 4625 W. 110th Street at 9:15 a.m. There will be a plant exchange. Please label plants with their care requirements.

The day's speaker will be Mr. Robert Wolford from the University of Illinois Extension Services.

Hostesses will be Noreen Anderson, Joan Mozeka and Adehl Good.

Residents of surrounding communities are welcome to attend as guests. Please call 708/424-4846.

## Homecoming at Marion High School

Marian Catholic High School will celebrate its Homecoming when the Spartans host Marist in a Chicagoland Metropolitan Conference White football game on Friday, September 28th at 7:30 p.m.

In conjunction with the event, the Marian Alumni Association will host its annual Homecoming Gathering in the school's East Gymnasium immediately following the game. All Marian alums, family and friends are invited to the post-game event.

Reunion classes of 1976 (25 year) and 1996 (5 year) plan to host their reunion celebrations during the Homecoming weekend. More information may be obtained by calling 708/755-6579.

lays is mandatory.

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## Queen of Peace hosts class reunions

Queen of Peace High School in Burbank will host class reunions this fall for alumnae celebrating anniversaries of their high school graduations.

Class of 1976, Sept. 29

Class of 1971, Sept. 29

Class of 1966, Oct. 13

All reunions will be held at Queen of Peace High School, 7659 S. Linder, in Burbank. For more information about the class reunions, call Cindy Kmetty, development associate, at 708-458-7600, Ext. 250.

## Evergreen Park encourages Senior fitness

September is Healthy Aging Month, and all older adults are encouraged to participate in health and fitness programs offered in their communities. Health screenings, low-impact exercises and country line-dancing are available to Evergreen Park residents at 3450 W. 97th Street.

Mondays from at 9 a.m. video exercise is offered. 12:15, 1:15 and 2:15 p.m. line dancing is offered.

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## Sertoma elects new officers

Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center is pleased to announce the newly elected officers and members to its 2001-2002 Executive Board: Don Cramer, President; Kathy Adam, President-Elect; Ron Murray, Vice President; Mike Colella, Treasurer; Donna Jacobus, Secretary; Gregg Jarman, Chairman of the Board. Newly elected members of the board are: Kirby James, Arlene Kasper, Tom McCurrie, Ed Plonis, Paul Rosenberger, Todd Selke, and Tom Tomaszewski. The board oversees the operation and management of the Center. Sertoma serves over 9,000 clients each year.

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## Richard's grad graduates from basic training

Army National Guard Private David A. Smart has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, GA.

The soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

During infantry training, he developed basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced using various weapons and weapons defenses available to infantry crewmen.

Smart, a 1999 graduate of Richards High School, is the son of Pauls and David Smart of Oak Lawn.

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## Burbank Park District sponsors events and trips

Burbank Park District has a broad spectrum of events and trips planned for this fall.

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Playschool registration has begun. Children must have turned age 3 by September 1, 2001. An updated immunization record and birth certificate are required.

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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

## Lipinski statement on the Terrorist Attack on America

Congressman Bill Lipinski issued the following statement today concerning yesterday's tragedies:

"America was faced with a gutless, cowardly attack yesterday. Innocent people were murdered in cold blood -- America was awakened to a new type of warfare. A type of warfare that was unfathomable to decent God-fearing people around the world.

"Yet, as in the past, once awakened, together as a people, we will rise up in defense of democracy, rise up in defense of liberty.

"America was also awakened to its lost patriotism, a patriotism that we drifted away from because of the security and prosperity this great land of freedom has enjoyed so long.

"We are a peaceful people -- but we will not turn the other cheek. No one should doubt our resolve.

"As President Bush said, not only those individuals in this evil should be targeted, but countries who support these people and these acts must and will be punished.

"It is sickening to me to see pictures of people celebrating the deaths of innocent Americans. It is heartening to me to see the pictures of the heroes during this opening shot of war -- those who helped others -- firemen, policemen, doctors, nurses, paramedics -- the list goes on and on.

"And ultimately, that is the list that will win this war.

"While we mourn the growing list of victims -- we must celebrate the growing list of heroes. Those are the ones who will win this war.

"I pray for the victims and their families. I pray for our Commander-in-Chief. I pray that justice will be ours."

## St. Daniel Nurse Services open to community residents

The Parish Nurses of Saint Daniel the Prophet invite community residents to meet with them about their -- or a family member's -- health needs. The nurses will be available the Fourth Sundays of the months of September and October.

On Sunday, September 23, Parish Nurses will be able to consult with you from 9:30 am to 11:30 am in the kindergarten area of Saint Daniel the Prophet School, located at 5337 South Natoma (use northeast school entrance, off of the parking lot).

Avail yourself of this opportunity to talk to a registered nurse about your health goals, have your blood pressure measured, or locate community resources. No advance appointment is needed and there is no charge

for services. Parish Nursing services will again be offered on Sunday, October 28 scheduled for Blood Chemistry Screenings. For further information, call St. Daniel the Prophet Rectory at 773-586-1223.



## Clearing Civic League Installs Officers

Richard Zilka (seated/foreground) receives the gavel of leadership for another term as president of the Clearing Civic League at their meeting September 11. Joining him are his eleven fellow officers and board members for the 2001-2002 year. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)

## Clearing Civil League recommends appraisal program

The Clearing Civic League reminds members of the benefits of belonging to the Southwest Home Equity Assurance Program. If you own your home you pay for this program as part of your real estate tax, but you do not qualify until you sign up and pay \$125 to have your home appraised. To sign up, or for more information, call 773/434-8220.

You must be participating in the program for 5 years in the program in order to secure the value of your home if you should decide to sell your home. For example, your home is appraised at \$140,000, but the highest offer you are able to obtain is \$110,000, the difference of \$30,000 will be covered by the program.

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## Beat 812 readies volunteers

Judy Oltry, local CAPS beat facilitator, makes a pitch to about 100 Clearing residents at the Beat 812/Clearing Night Force meeting September 12 for a safe Hale Park free of gangbangers and open for community youth. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)

## Street gangs encroach on Clearing community

By Rick Techman

Gang attempts to control the Clearing community are held in check by the long arm of the Beat 812 Chicago Police Officers who keep this neighborhood secure despite the fact that at least three different gangs are fighting for control of this area.

At a Clearing Night Force/Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) Beat 812 meeting, statistics on criminal activity here were released showing this is still one of the safest communities south of Madison Street in Chicago. Though any amount of crime is too much crime, four Beat 812 officers explained how they've exercised their ability to fight crime to keep this area safe.

The Beat 812 officers explained the three gangs trying to take over Clearing are these: Satan Disciples, Latin Kings, and Twelfth Street Players. The Satan Disciples are located at 50th and Oakley and have had

people attempt to openly recruit youth in this area.

The Latin Kings, possibly one of the oldest gangs in Chicago with chapters around the country, are trying to take over Hale park through intimidation of area youth and residents. Local drug dealing is a tool used by all gangs to finance their activity.

A Beat 812 officer speaking on the local gang issue said this, "They (Latin Kings) see this park as a wide open area. The kids that are hangin' here; they're not gangbangers. But the outsiders...think they are gangbangers and they're going to come and challenge them. They're trying to take control of this park. And that ain't gonna happen. But we need everybody's help out here too."

The officer continued to explain the Twelfth Street Players originate from Cicero, Ill. They are also attempting to make a move on this community. It was explained that a local resident on 61st and

Nagle was using his house as a local base for gang activity to mushroom through the community. Beat 812 officers explained they are keeping a watchful eye on this block but need residents' help to phone in any complaint to keep up pressure on this young male subject to leave the area.

A Beat 812 officer explained gangbangers can be their own worst enemy. He said recently two known Clearing gangbangers sent a third member of their company out for groceries. Whether the product wanted was food or alcohol is unclear. Regardless, when subject three returned, subjects one and two literally beat him to his death for buying the wrong product. Now subjects one and two will be confined in prison for a very long time while subject three remains six feet under in a grave.





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## Despite pleas from residents State Liquor Commission overturned Worth Village denial

Worth To Appeal Liquor License Approval

By: F.J. Soczek

Worth Village President Ed Guzdziol announced Tuesday night the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission overturned the Village's denial of a liquor license for a proposed Sports Bar on 111th Street.

Acting upon a 5-2 vote, the Commission reversed the decision to deny Clark Buckendahl the license necessary to open All Star Lounge in the former Hollywood Video store.

According to Commission documents, the Village of Worth denied the liquor license request following a public meeting whereupon many residents protested the proposed business "would create traffic and noise at late hours, particularly after midnight when the establishment would still be open and serving liquor to patrons."

Additionally cited by the Village is the fact "the adjacent area is already the subject of a myriad of village-instituted traffic ordinances, all intended to promote the tranquility of the residential area."

Further mitigating evidence was cited by the Village, noting motorists frequently use the residential areas to by-pass the congested traffic at the 111th and Ridgeland intersection.

One suggestion noted was to make Natchez Avenue a southbound one-way street

to ensure that patrons do not disturb the residents.

Guzdziol felt the latter alternative was "not a viable option, given the other problems it would create for nearby residents and businesses."

Guzdziol stated, "I fully support the economic development of Worth, but I believe this particular application presents public safety issues of a sufficiently severe nature, that I am justified in denying the issuance of the license."

According to testimony by Village attorney Matt Delort, an existing liquor license had expired prior to the April election and was not renewed.

"Normally, it is reduced back down by ordinance," Delort explained.

"They (the new Village officials) didn't legitimately do that," Delort added.

This "oversight" left the Village vulnerable in a sense that the Liquor Control Commission cannot legally force a municipality to "create" a license where an "open" one does not exist.

The Liquor Control Commission ultimately stated "We do not find sufficient evidence for us to conclude that the potential traffic hazard mandated a denial of the license."

Additionally, the Commission ruled "Testimony and documents entered into evidence fail to establish by a preponderance of the evidence sufficient facts, other than the opinions of the witnesses concerning increased automobile traffic,

insufficient parking, and potential noise effecting the surrounding residential properties."

Ed Guzdziol polled the Village Trustees regarding an appeal of the decision.

Hearing no objections, Guzdziol instructed Village attorney Matt Delort to prepare the paperwork necessary to comply with the 20 day window in which a petition may be filed for Administrative Review in the Circuit Court.

An associate of Delort expressed confidence the 5-2 decision can be ultimately overturned.

Delort, however, appears to be facing an uphill battle in reversing the Liquor Commission.

Transcripts reveal "The Local Liquor Commissioner (Guzdziol) relied on *Palmer v. Ill. Liquor Control Commission*, 77 Ill. App. 3d 725," in making his decision.

In *Palmer*, the Local Commissioner denied a license based on (among other things) increased, dangerous traffic.

The State Commission overturned the rejection and ordered a license be granted.

The Circuit Court affirmed the latter order.

The Appellant Court did likewise.

The second case (*Ace Produce v. Ill. Liquor Control Commission*, 93 Ill. App. 3d 381) cited by Worth appears more favorable, as each subsequent governmental review body affirmed a liquor license rejection based on evidence asserting hazardous traffic.

## Library starts afterschool program

Chicago Ridge Public Library at 10400 S. Oxford is introducing *My Mondays*, a new after school program on, of course, Mondays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

On the first and third Mondays of each month, Mrs. Van will host a read-aloud session from the library's new books, for kids of any school age.

## Children's Programs at Chicago Ridge Library

Exciting programs are being offered to children in grades 3-8 at the Chicago Ridge Public Library at 10400 S. Oxford this fall. Culture Club, open to grades 4-8, will begin on October 4. The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 3:30-4:30. Children in this club will explore exotic foreign countries through books, videos, music, games, crafts and food sampling. Registration is required and begins on Monday, September 10th.

A book discussion group for children in grades 3 and 4 will meet on the first and third Thursdays in October and November from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Children will be given a paperback book to read at their first meeting. They should be ready to discuss the book at the following meeting. Three books will be read and discussed during the two months. This group offers young children who enjoy reading the opportunity to talk about and think about the books they read. Registration is required and class size is limited. Call 708/423-7753 for more information.



Kate Wulle, wife of the late Bob Dugan, a former professor at Moraine Valley Community College, stands with John J. Daley, chairman of the Board of trustees, Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, College president and Tom Sullivan, Board of Trustees member.

## Robert Dugan Digital Design Lab honors late professor

Bob Dugan, former professor and department chair of Mechanical Drafting at Moraine Valley Community College, was remembered and honored by his family, faculty and staff on August 3 at the dedication of the Robert Dugan Digital Design Lab.

Through a donation by the late professor's wife, Dr. Kate Wulle, who retired in August as professor of Humanities/Theater, the college was able to establish the lab, located in room T406 in the Center

for Contemporary Technology. A plaque and a photo showing Dugan working with a student at a computer hangs outside of the lab.

Dugan, who died in 1999, was one of Moraine Valley's original employees and wrote the curriculum for the Mechanical Drafting Program when the college opened for classes in 1968. He played a major role in developing the Computer-Aided Drafting labs and the one-of-a-kind instructional console.

## Benefit for hit and run victim Dave Lucin

A benefit party is being held on Saturday, October 20th for the Dave Lucin Family. Dave Lucin, a custom craftsman, was severely injured by a passing automobile while changing a tire on a minivan outside of his home. As the sole support of his wife and 4 children, Lucin's injury has left him unable to work as a craftsman

of elaborate staircases for custom homes.

His family includes wife Kelly and daughters Paige, 6, Erin, 2, and Riley, 3 months, and 3 year old son Jack. A benefit fund has been established at Founders Bank at 6835 W. 111th Street in Worth.

The benefit party will be held at the Marrs Meyer American Legion at 11001 S. Depot Street in Worth and will feature the band *No Mercy*. Food, a cash bar, silent auction and raffles will be offered. Please contact Lauren Placek at 708/923-0848 for more information.



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## Highlights from Evergreen Park

By Jude Coyle

Resolution No. 6-2001 begins, "Whereas, the day of Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at 8:45 AM EDT was a tragic day for the United States of America as it was the day the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the Pennsylvania plane crash disasters occurred. Not since the bombing of Pearl Harbor has America experienced a vicious and heinous attack on her shores..."

On Tuesday, September 17, Evergreen Park Village Clerk Catherine T. Aparo struggled with her emotions as she read the text aloud. The resolution acknowledged the victims and rescuers involved in New York and Washington, and the 38 heroes of United Airlines Flight 93, who stopped terrorists from causing further destruction when their flight crashed in Pennsylvania. Audience members were equally moved.

Because of the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy, the meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was rescheduled to October 9<sup>th</sup>. Also, no business licenses presented for approval.

Mayor James Sexton read letters aloud regarding Evergreen Park employees. Mary Clare Pendergast thanked the paramedics who helped her daughter when she fell from her bike and injured her elbow. Another letter thanked Officer Pete Donovan who took the time to show a resident how to properly install a child's car seat.

Residents from the 9900 block of Clifton Park asked for permit parking. They are experiencing problems with students from Mother McAuley and Brother Rice High Schools who park their vehicles on Clifton Park during the school day.

According to one man, students are taking up all the parking spots, they eat their lunches in their cars and toss their refuse on lawns and in streets. The cars are interfering with garbage pick up on Thursdays and street cleaning on Monday. Residents from other blocks in the immediate area have already applied for and received permit parking.

Village Engineer Robert Boehm was asked about the progress on 91<sup>st</sup> Street. He said that the street should be opened in October. The earthwork east of the tracks has to be completed before the surface can be laid. Trustees complained, saying that 91<sup>st</sup> Street was closed on June 18, nearly 75 days earlier.

Mr. Boehm reported that the tracks on 95<sup>th</sup> Street were lumpy and would eventually become a hazard. He planned to contact the Canadian National and the Illinois Central about repairs, and get it on record before someone gets hurt.

Fire Chief Clohessy reported that barricades were erected in the Village Hall parking lot in preparation of the construction project. Work would begin immediately and continue into April.

Ordinance 17-2001 clarifies existing codes concerning the transfer tax rebate. A transfer tax is charged to residents selling their primary residence. The fee is \$5 per \$1,000 of the sales price. If the resident buys a new home in Evergreen Park, he can apply for a tax rebate no more than three months prior to the sale, or 12 months after. This applies to single family residents only, which means homes or condos that are used by the seller as the primary residence. Apartment buildings are excluded.

St. Bernadette Parent Athletic Association plans to hold their Homecoming parade on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The Parade pushes off at 12:30 from 90<sup>th</sup> and Francisco, up Francisco to 99<sup>th</sup> Street. It will end at the Evergreen Park High School parking lot at 99<sup>th</sup> and Kedzie.

Queen of Martyrs school requested permission to conduct their annual Walk-a-thon on Friday, September 28. The rain date is October 3. Students will walk between 8:30 am and 2:00 PM.

## Museum shows thanks to U.S. troops overseas

Calling all "little hands and hearts!" The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn has started a special program for youngsters to show their American Spirit and patriotism. *Operation: Rainbow of Thanks* invites youngsters, schools, moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas to collect much needed items and write words of encouragement to be sent directly to deployed troops now overseas. Please show your support by attending the Museum's big "Kick Off" at the 2nd Annual Harvest Home Festival, Sun. Oct. 14th, Noon-3p.m. Please call the Museum at (708)423-6709 for more information or check out their web site at [childrensmuseumoaklawn.org](http://childrensmuseumoaklawn.org)

## Library expansion approved by Village Board

The Oak Lawn Village Board approved by 5-1 vote a request by the Oak Lawn Public Library to spend between 4.5 and 5.5 million dollars on a new addition to the existing library building.

In August, the Oak Lawn Library Board approved construction of a project which would provide 15,710 additional feet. This would be accomplished by demolishing the oldest, northern most section of the library and replacing it with a two story addition and full basement.

According to library director James Casey, "This new section will fill out the 'footprint' of the library and provide public seating areas facing northward towards the beautiful Village Green."

According to Casey, public meeting room space would be increased by 37%, the fiction area increased by 43%, periodicals by 107%, youth services by 36% and reference services by 30%.

A patron lounge is included in the plans, designed to make the library more spacious and comfortable.

Funding will be accomplished through the issuance of bonds in the value of approximately 4.5 million dollars.

A tax levy of \$450,000 per year for 20 years was requested and approved to retire the bonds.

Trustee Robt. Streit questioned the obviously imprecise figures which allowed up to 1 million dollars "leeway" between the low and high estimates.

Architect Patrick Callahan explained the additional

funding was suggested in case "custom" furnishings would be required from specialized library supply houses.

Streit asked Callahan about the billing structure of his firm, and expressed mild displeasure upon learning the architect's fees are based on total production costs.

Streit argued Callahan had no real incentive to keep costs down since his fees would increase in proportion to project spending.

Trustee Marjorie Joy inquired about the cost involved for the average Oak Lawn resident.

Casey responded he discussed the matter with Village Manager Joe Faber and determined it would cost approximately \$18.48 per year for 20 years, based on a home valued at \$165,000.

Despite their somewhat disconcerting reservations, Streit, along with Ron Stancik, Marjorie Joy, Steve Rosenbaum and Bill Keane voted to approve the project.

Trustee Jerry Hurckes cast the sole opposing vote, stating that while he approved the construction in principle, he felt the timing was not appropriate, given the recent tragedies and economic uncertainty facing the nation.

In other business, local Realtor Angie Gilardi received her second resounding rejection from the Board.

Gilardi purchased an undersized property at 5703 W. 90th Street with the intent of sub-dividing the

existing lot and building two large structures, much like many developers are building throughout the Village.

And much to the chagrin of her future neighbors.

It seems quite a few surrounding residents signed a petition and appeared at the preliminary hearings expressing their displeasure at the lack of consistent building code application.

The Planning and Development Commission rejected Gilardi's request.

Gilardi appealed last month to the Board of Trustees and was asked to re-configure her plans and re-submit them at the next Board meeting.

Gilardi's attorney, Gerhardt Gliege presented the revised blueprints, which apparently only changed the positioning of the two buildings.

Gliege insisted his client was now in compliance with the Village Code and demanded the necessary approval.

Trustee Ron Stancik responded he was not happy with the reconfiguration and suggested that Gliege return to the P & D C, since the project involved "new" plans and would require their examination prior to a final Board vote.

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## Oak Lawn family hold garage sale

By Jude Coyle

On September 10, Chicagoans thought that maybe New York City was competition, and that Washington D.C. was a place where our needs are forgotten or even traded away by jaded politicians. These places were worlds away.

We found out differently on September 11 when terrorists destroyed the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center and damaged the Pentagon. The tremendous loss of life has spurred Americans from every part of the country to reach out to their neighbors, offering help, money, blood, and prayers. On September 11, most of us learned that New York and Washington aren't that far away, and the people there are

people just like us.

Wendy Benson of Oak Lawn said that she and daughters Amanda, 16, and Lillian, 12, were terribly affected by the tragedy. Lillian attends Simmons School, which is located across from Chicago Ridge Mall. Police officers surrounded the Mall on September 11, and that made Lillian nervous. She expressed concern over her mother's safety when Wendy went to work during the next few days.

Wendy and the girls had talked about having another garage sale. "It's a good way to clean out the house and to make money," Wendy explained. "One year the girls bought bunk beds with what they earned. Another year they bought

a trampoline."

Wendy and the girls talked about the sale soon after the tragedy. Asked what they wanted to do with the money, the girls responded that they didn't want a thing. They wanted to see the money instead go to relief efforts in New York. Mom agreed.

The girls spent the evening of Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>, making signs advertising their garage sale and the fact that the money would be donated to the American Red Cross. They posted the signs on 95<sup>th</sup> Street, at the intersections of Oak Park and at New England. That was it, the only form of advertisement.

"It was wonderful," Wendy explained. The garage sale was held on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. "People came from all over. They saw the signs and came willing to buy because it was going to the Red Cross. Little kids bought stuff for a quarter. People came after Church on Sunday."

"I could see the effect on my girls," Wendy explained. "With each dollar they made and each time they thanked someone, they changed. This is something they'll hold onto for the rest of their lives. My kids felt like they had the power to do something. They weren't helpless anymore."

They made \$633. Wendy, who works for Ameritect, brought it to work "Ameritect matched what we made, and forwarded \$1266 to the American Red Cross."

"My neighbors wanted to have a block long garage sale," she explained. "But Ameritect is specific in their guidelines. They would match what we made, but it had to be made by an employee, on an employee's property."

She still has a lot left and would like to see a community wide yard or garage sale. "I called my Trustee to see if he's heard of anything," she said, "But I haven't heard anything yet."

"God has been good to us," she said. "And we realize just how lucky we are."

## Palos Hills detective recognized

By Jude Coyle

Police Chief Paul Madigan presented Detective John McMahon with an award from the International Association of Arson Investigators at the September 20, Palos Hills City Council Meeting. According to Chief Madigan, arson is a difficult crime to solve because of its hit and run nature.

Detective McMahon was recognized because of his successful efforts in the investigation of three incidents. In the early morning hours of April 14 and again on April 28, an arsonist set car fires. On April 20, the same arsonist was responsible for the destruction of a home worth approximately \$200,000. Working through informants, a juvenile was arrested. He later confessed.

John McMahon joined the Palos Hills Police Department in 1983. During the past few years, he worked with the Drug Enforcement Administration, and has recovered over \$1,000,000 in drug money for the City. Within the past year, Detective McMahon has returned to work exclusively with Palos Hills.

Mayor Gerald R. Bennett not only congratulated Detective McMahon, but also Chief Madigan for the extra security measures taken by the Palos Hills Police Department. "Palos Hills residents have been patient and understanding," Mayor Bennett commented. "Everyone will be treated the same regardless of race."

Chief Madigan explained that his men are working twelve-hour shifts. He explained that

## Laws protect military personnel from financial hardship

National Guard members and military reservists who are called up for active duty can face uncertainty about such homefront issues as keeping their jobs, credit obligations, taxes, and other financial matters.

The Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) has compiled information about state and federal laws that protect military service people from financial hardship. The information is available at the

ISBA website [www.isba.org](http://www.isba.org) and is also being published in a print brochure entitled "Called to Duty." Brochures are being provided to the American Red Cross and to individual Guard and Reserve units.

Included is information about the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, a federal law providing relief in the areas of loan rate reduction, ending a lease, eviction, mortgage foreclosure prevention, installment credit, contract fines and penalties, advance court protection, property taxes, income taxes, and life insurance. There also are provisions that can help if service personnel are involved in a lawsuit or other court action.

The information also spells out Guard and Reserve members' rights to return to their civilian jobs after service.

"Many of the protections available must be requested by service people -- they don't automatically apply," said Tim Eaton of Chicago, president of the Illinois State Bar Association. "We think it is important that our service people, who are being asked to make personal sacrifices, know their legal rights."

The 35,000 member ISBA, with offices in Springfield and Chicago, provides professional services to Illinois lawyers, and education and services to the public.

## Military News

Marine Corps Pfc. Matthew D. Abrams, son of Julie Abrams of Oak Lawn and Mark Abrams of Chicago Ridge, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Abrams is a 1997 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School of Oak Lawn.

Navy Midshipman Michael D. Pasternak, a 2000 graduate of Marist High School, recently received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. At the Naval Academy, Pasternak will be prepared morally, intellectually and physically to become one of the future leaders of the Navy. Upon graduation, Pasternak will be commissioned as a Navy or Marine Corps officer.

there had been a small number of hate crimes since September 11<sup>th</sup>. A man was arrested for threatening an Iranian family with a weapon, and

people threw rocks through windows of several Arab owned businesses. Incidents by Palos residents are few, he said. He was most concerned with the activities of students coming into Palos Hills at either Stagg High School or Moraine Valley Community College.

Chief Paul Madigan is a Sergeant Major in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Also of note, Attorney George Pappas announced that the Palos Pizza liquor license appeal hearing was rescheduled for 10/31.

Alderman Pauline Stratton requested the Council pass an ordinance that would have 2 stop signs erected at 106<sup>th</sup> Street and 82<sup>nd</sup> Court. According to the Alderman, there is a hill on 82<sup>nd</sup> Court. It could cause an accident if the driver is speeding and does not slow down in time to cross the intersection. The Council approved her request.

Alderman Stratton also reported that the rolls of Park District programs are filled. The library is developing other programs, including one called "Children and Gardening".

Alderman Al Pasek quoted Robert Frost. "In three words I can call up everything I know about life. It goes on."

Don't miss an issue!

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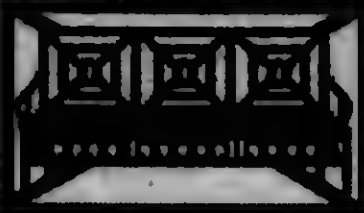
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# The Plaza Perspective

## BEAT THE BACK TO SCHOOL DAZE

Find fashions from toddlers  
to teens!

Preschoolers singing their ABCs. Middle schoolers traveling through geography class. High schoolers angling in geometry. College students composing in Comp 101. They'll all be shopping at The Plaza, 9500 S. Western Ave., Evergreen Park, for back to school wardrobes that match all tastes and trends.

Summer's heat is breaking away to cool fall fashions for the younger set. Topping the shopping list this year for girls are skirts and slacks in a variety of colorful plaids. The guys are getting comfortable as jogging suits make a comeback. And it's no

surprise that jeans of every color, length, width and description remain very much in demand for all ages.

A recent shopping romp through The Plaza gave a great reflection of what's been appearing on the pages of the fashion magazines for students. From your Joe Boxers up to your Ecco caps and down to your Air Force One Nikes, The Plaza is the place to shop this fall.

**Primary Numbers** - Preschoolers will be really cute numbers when they start school this year, after shopping at The Plaza for clothes, shoes, outerwear, underwear and accessories. *The Children's Place*, The Plaza's newest children's store, offers sizes 0 to 14 in all of the most popular colors and styles this season. Popular for little girls are the coordinated denim jeans and jackets in an array of bright colors -- most appealingly pink and purple. Boys are choosing jogging suits in fall colors of rust, green and gray.

Small-size versions of popular brand names appeal to kids. At *Club Soda* find a fantastic selection of Sean John, Tommy Hilfiger, Guess and Nautica clothing for little boys and girls. "Casual clothes are still the number one seller," said Dorothy Williams, sales associate at Club Soda. "Look around -- you see jeans and jogging suits."

*Fiddle Stix* offers brands that include DKNY jeans and shirts, Guess, Pelle and Nautica for little boys and girls, but also stocks the more traditional girls' clothing: darling jumpers, colorful chenille sweaters and lacy, pretty party dresses. At *Rainbow Kids* choose outfits decorated with favorite characters, coordinated jean sets for boys and slack outfits for girls, plus pick up book bags, barrettes and socks.

**It's Elementary** - All the most looked-for labels are available at several of The Plaza's apparel stores for youngsters.

According to sales associate Brandy Rogers at *The Kid's Choice*, Sean John clothing has been the best seller as the back-to-school shopping season heats up. "Levis always sell, and the Rocawear just came in -- we're expecting that to be good," Rogers said.

For middle-schoolers, expect the fashion transition to include the new trendy jeans, hip hats, bulky belts and roomy bags. Start the shopping trip at *Rene Roberts* for stylish fashion statements. Although you can find what you need for all the students on your shopping list at *Carson, Pirie, Scott*, the selection for middle-schoolers earns an A+. Choose casual clothing to dress wear, undergarments to winter coats, and style selections that fit the conservative student as well as the kids in an alternative groove.

**High School Assignment** - The high school fashion assignment is making a statement in one glance. The Plaza shops have done their homework well! For kids who are looking for a loud and clear clothing statement, shop at *New York's Hot Stuff*, a shop filled with characters and color offering a hip hop selection of oversized shirts, pants and coordinates. Teenage girls will fill their closets at stores like *Deb* and *Lerner of New York*. Each of these shops offers a generous selection of casual and dress casual clothes. At Lerner find great trousers, skirts and blazers in the neutrals and plaids so popular this fall. Find the newest jean styles -- bell-bottoms, hip huggers, ripped and ragged -- as well as t-shirts, sweaters, and blouses. At Deb and *Strawberry* find plus sizes in the styles young girls are looking for. Strawberry also offers Moulin Rouge-wear and clothing from Mudd, Calvin Klein and Fubu. *Rainbow* offers an array of clunky, funky platform shoes and slide-on sneakers, as well as sleek long-length sweaters and preppy plaids. School uniforms are also in stock!

**From Dorm to Lecture Hall** - College kids want clothes that look great, wear well and go with everything. This fall, jogging suits for men are back on track for comfort and style. Find a terrific selection of sweats, jeans, denim jackets and leather for guys at *Technique*. Rave reviews are in -- get slogan t-shirts for your "Angel", "Rodeo Girl" or "Princess," as well as colorful chenille sweaters for cool autumn nights and roomy pajamas for the dorm! The *Lark* offers selections for men and women in a variety of the latest styles for decorative leathers, jeans, zip-front sweatshirts, high-style jeans and sexy shirts. For fabulous footwear choose Timberland boots in a variety of styles and colors at The Lark and other Plaza stores. For date night, check out *City Blues* where the motto is "Life is a Mess -- Dress It Up." *Belvidere Blues* is back to casual wear Ecco, Sean John, Rocawear and more.

**If the Shoe Fits** - Shopping for school shoes is more fun than ever at The Plaza! Athletic shoes come in a variety of styles and colors, and fine stores like *Underground Station*, *Kids Foot Locker*, *Foot Locker*, *Lody Foot Locker*, *Chomp Sports* and *Finish Line* all carry accessories, book bags and handbags, socks, caps and clothing to round out the back-to-school wardrobe. Popular this year are athletic shoes in all black -- many schools require black shoes. Topping the list in sales at the Foot Locker and Champs stores are Nike's Air Force Ones. *Underground Station* offers dress and dress casual shoes in addition to athletic shoes by Lugz, Sketcher and Polo Sport. Champs also offers a wide selection of athletic gear, sports bags, team shirts and even waterproof Fossil watches for kids who want to make sure they get to class on time!

## PAUSE AT THE PLAZA

Shopping should never be all work and no play, that's why customers are encouraged to Pause at the Plaza for a variety of ongoing and free special events.

Thursdays & Fridays  
**Chicago Piano Man Dave Green**  
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Enjoy the jazz song styling of this  
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Thursdays  
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6 - 8 p.m., Center Square  
View stepping demonstrations and take part  
in free lessons.

Saturdays  
**Intimate Contact**  
1 - 4 p.m., Center Square  
Discover this group that fuses jazz and soul  
in a contemporary style.

Tuesdays - Saturdays  
**Bronzeville Children's Museum**  
10 - 5 p.m., lower level by food court  
Learn more about the Underground  
Railroad at this child-friendly facility.

The Plaza is the Main Stage Entertainment  
Sponsor for the **Falling Leaf Festival** held  
on the evening of Saturday, September 29  
(Adults only) and all day Sunday,  
September 30 (All ages) at Morgan Park  
Academy recreation field.

Bronzeville Children's Museum will host a  
crayon rubbing activity at the KidStuff activity  
area on Sunday. So arrive, rain or shine, for  
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## Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirity  
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### The Pride of America

They didn't deserve to die. They had no way of knowing that, when they prepared for an ordinary day of work, they would become casualties of war. How terrifying to realize that, in a matter of minutes, 'the land of the free' has been shook to its very core.

Our freedom, as we have known it, will never be the same again. The worst possible nightmare of war, a nightmare we thought could never happen here -- is now a reality we are forced to come to terms with. As of this writing it has been five days since the World Trade Center was brought down in a massive pile of rubble at the hands of terrorists.

We are overwhelmed with grief, we are angry, and we are frightened as to what may still be in store for our country as these cowardly terrorists wreak havoc on our nation.

And then the stunning footage, from ground zero, steels are nerves with the incredible show of strength and courage by our fellow Americans in New York. It is there we see first hand the true spirit of America.

Policemen, firemen and countless volunteers are bound together in a show of unbelievable support and diligence.

America is reeling from this barbaric blow that will give us reason to forever change the way we live in this country -- and that's a tragedy.

Out of this unbearable destruction there is an empowering thought. Throughout the week's coverage of this disaster resounds a message of great hope for succeeding -- we shall and will go on.

Our world has definitely changed, no doubt about that.

When we do occasionally take a break from all the information hitting the airwaves, most of us find ourselves in discussions asking questions there are no comforting answers to.

In these days and weeks ahead we must stand behind our president and trust that he will have the answers we so desperately need.

Those ruthless terrorists -- they may have shaken our foundation, but they cannot destroy our pride. They've killed and maimed our American people, but they will never conquer our spirit. Let us never forget the innocent victims, and as we draw strength from the fearlessness of our dear neighbors in New York, let's raise our flags of honor high, for all the world to see. We owe it to the freedom of this great and wonderful nation.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA, OUR HOME SWEET HOME!**

## Oak Lawn Chamber

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas will be the guest speaker at the next monthly luncheon at the Oak

Lawn Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, October 9 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Avenue. Social hour is at 11:30 am. Lunch will be served at noon. Call the Chamber Office for reservations, 708-424-8300.

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Fred is a retired high school teacher and his character "Ole Grubstake" presents a program of tall tales, savvy savings, side splitting humor and music from the Old West. Instruments such as the harmonica, banjo, mandolin, dulcimer, squeezebox, autoharp, guitar, tin whistle and even the Indian flute are featured in the program. This ole character will have you laughing and singing and thinking about the days of prospecting gold in Colorado!

The price is right -- its free admission. Plan to have a fun evening here at Trinity, 9701 S. Brandt in Oak Lawn, 7:30 pm in Auditorium. Everyone is invited.

## Queen of Peace responds to nation's tragedy

When unimaginable tragedy struck the nation last week, Queen of Peace students immediately responded with prayers for peace, acts of service and outreach to the local Muslim community. That same day several young women from Peace answered the call from Christ Hospital to assist with the blood drive and to baby-sit in the hospital's day care center that was overflowing with the children of the doctors and nurses who were called to duty.

At an all school liturgy on Wednesday last week, Patricia Nolan-Fitzgerald, principal of Queen of Peace, asked students to center themselves in the Gospel message of peace as they reflect on the nation's tragedy. "Let us become the voices of

## Office of Citizens' Services

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### OCS Newsletter

The annual community edition of the Office of Citizens' Services Newsletter is delivered to all village homes in September. This edition contains information on OCS department services. To receive the OCS Newsletter by First Class Mail delivery, complete the 2002 subscription form included in this copy of the newsletter and return it with your payment of \$4 to Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th Street, Evergreen Park. This subscription would expire December, 2002.

For those choosing to pick up the newsletter in person, we ask you to complete the registration form. The information is needed for our records, so that we may have a sufficient supply.

### Computer class for seniors

Evergreen Park Lions Quest offers 6 class computer course at Evergreen Park High School for Evergreen Park seniors. Classes scheduled for Thursdays:

October 4  
October 11  
October 18  
October 25  
November 1  
November 8

Classes are from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. The cost is \$10. Class size limited -- register with Office Citizens' Services in Room 107.

### OCS Mini Bus

The Office of Citizens' Services is one of three Village of Evergreen Park departments located at the H. B. Maher Community Center. This department has been serving the community since 1974. One of the outstanding services provided by the Office of Citizens' Services is its Mini-Bus. It is dependable, economical, and a safe form of transportation whether or not you require the use its hydraulic wheelchair lift. For 50 cents a ride, and at least 24 hours notice, the OCS Bus drivers will pick clients up at their home and deliver them to their appointments.

The OCS Mini-Bus operates Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, transporting clients to medical appointments (within a five mile radius) and business appointments to Village merchants. Medical appointments take priority. Service includes EP Banks, Barber and Beauty Shops, Library, OCS Activities at the Community Center, Plaza, Post Office, Village Hall and Wednesday morning shopping at Menu Mart.

Procedure for appointments: Call OCS giving at least 24 hours notice and up to 2 weeks in advance of your scheduled appointments.

## Our Lady of Fatima

Due to a heavy rain storm, Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus Council #3582 golf outing on August 25, 2001 at Oak Lawn Stony Creek Golf Course, 5800 W. 103rd Street, has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 14.

The Golf Outing will feature a \$20,000 "Hole in One." The cost is \$75 per person that includes eighteen holes of golf, cart, lunch and a barrel of beer. Lunch will be served in the new club house. For reservations, call Tom Stanton at 708-422-5800 or 708-636-7163. Golfers are needed to make the event successful.

All proceeds will go to Rev. Thomas Van Thienan, O.S.A. Pro Life Monument, which will honor our late Chaplain Father Van for his forty years of service to the Knights of Columbus. All donations to the fund will be gratefully accepted. The monument will be dedicated to all the aborted children.



said Ms. Nolan-Fitzgerald. "While we honor red, white and blue, we are also distributing green ribbons which signify hope and harmony, not hatred."

Next week, at Peace's regularly scheduled Harmony Focus Day, students will explore the cardinal's pastoral letter on racism in all Christian Living classes, followed by a few days later by roundtable discussions that will allow student an opportunity to express their ideas and feelings about many issues surrounding the terrorists attacks. The Environmental Club plans to plant a tree on the school grounds in memory of those who lost their lives. Peace students have future plans to cosponsor a blood drive with St. Laurence High School.

Ms. Nolan-Fitzgerald said she believes it is essential to engage in acts of peacemaking, which is why the school placed a call of support to Muslims at the mosque in Bridgeview and plans to reach out to students at a local Muslim women's school. "We must ask ourselves how Jesus would respond and be loving neighbors during a time when Muslims may be experiencing the pain of hate or suspicion," she said.

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## Pheasant Run's "Jekyll and Hyde" is swan song for director Martinez

Diana Martinez, the creative director at the Pheasant Run Theatre for the past 13 years, finishes her long run that included 33 main stage shows with an exciting production of "Jekyll and Hyde." Martinez is headed to Aurora to run the Paramount Arts Center and says along with her duties there she hopes to start a theatre program for children.

Although she's leaving

Pheasant Run, Diana has a standing offer from the owners to come back to direct anytime she can. She directed, produced and was the lighting designer for the current show "Jekyll and Hyde." It's the Chicago regional premiere of the show, loosely based on the novel by Robert Louis Stevenson.

"Jekyll and Hyde" is a showcase of talented voices with good performances. It's

worth the price of admission to see the performance of the talented Christine Sherrill who plays Lucy, a prostitute who befriends Jekyll (Robert Felbinger), only to later have the misfortune of getting his alter-ego Hyde as a client.

Equally compelling is Greg Teghtmeyer as John Utterson who tries in vain to get his friend to stop his tragic experiment.

The talented chorus play both the civilized and seedy sides of the city of London, a metaphor for the dual personalities of Jekyll and Hyde, in the recurring song "Facade".

Jekyll is motivated in his scientific quest to aid his father, who is a patient at the mental hospital where the young doctor works. Jekyll pleads with the haughty, hypocritical governing board of the hospital to allow him to perform experiments on one of the patients. Jekyll explains, in vain, his theory that "In each of us are two natures, one good and one evil. If this primitive duality of man could be housed separately, life would be relieved of all that is unbearable." It is the governor's board rejection of him that sets Jekyll to performing his experiments on himself, which draws out the evil in him, in the form of speaks-his-mind, terrifying Hyde.

The set design plays off of the split personality theme that runs through the play, with half of the stage showing the proper parlor of the doctor, and the other half the dark, twisted lab where his alter-ego struggles with the obsessed doctor for control. A strong performance is

given by Keith Cavanaugh as Jekyll's devoted, mannerly butler Poole, who ushers away the many curious, concerned visitors and tends patiently to his boss, while frightened of what is occurring beyond the lab's doors.

Oak Lawn actor John Boss also turns in a memorable performance as Bishop Basingstoke, a member of the governor's board whose penchant for "working women" and hypocritical ways make him one of Hyde's first victims, capped by the powerful ensemble song "Murder, Murder".

The show makes an exciting finale to Diana Martinez's run at the theatre, with memorable songs and strong performances, especially by the talented supporting cast.

"Jekyll and Hyde" runs through February 16. For tickets and package information, contact the Pheasant Run box office at (630)584-6342 or Ticketmaster at (312)584-1212.

### "Joseph"

This holiday season, one of Chicago's favorite musicals, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Time Rice's *Joseph and the Amazing*

## Beverly Arts Center Holds Auditions

The Beverly Art Center will hold open auditions for its 2nd annual production of the Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*, on October 6 & 7, 2001 at the BAC, 2153 W. 111th St. Chicago. Beverly resident Robert Reidy will reprise his acclaimed portrayal of Ebenezer Scrooge. Performance dates are set for Dec. 7-9, and Dec. 14-16. For more information, please call the center at (773) 445-3838.

*Technicolor Dreamcoat* returns to town for 12 weeks only, Nov. 1 through Jan. 13, 2002, in the intimate Royal George Theatre (main stage) at 1641 N. Halsted Street. Call the Box Office at (312) 988-9000 for more details, or go to any Ticketmaster location. Group discounts of 20 or more are available.

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## A Christmas Carol plays Drury Lane Oakbrook

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this holiday treat for the entire family.

Being a father of three, Mr. Frewen is sensitive to the impact of the Christmas ghosts on small children. Therefore he pays special attention to make the story understandable and special to children while keeping the ghosts just scary enough to emphasize the moral of the play.

Individual tickets for children and adults are just \$6.50 per person and group rate of \$6 per person is available to parties of 20 or more. Doors

open at 10:00 am for the 10:30 am curtain. Several dates also have 12:30 pm shows, including November 24, December 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22.

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## St. Bernadette Parish's Annual Rib Fest

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**Broadway Style at the Beverly Art Center**  
(clockwise, from left) Ghuon Chung, Nikki Greenlee, Stephen Miller, Wayne Wendell, Tracelyn Gesteland, Lisa Tiess, Gerald Sweders



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The Broadway Style Top Hat Musical Revue opened with a benefit performance at the Beverly Art Center, 2150 W. 111th Street, Friday, September 21. A champagne reception followed the opener with a sizeable receptive audience. Many actors, journalists and very happy theatre goers in attendance.

Broadway Style is a musical revue of songs from all your favorite Broadway shows including Phantom of the Opera, Cats, LaCage Aux Folles, Jekyll and Hyde, Babes in Arms, and Ragtime, just to name a few.

I especially enjoyed the *Ladies Who Lunch* number from Company by Stephen Sondheim, *LaCage Aux Folles* by Jerry Herman with Steve and the entire company. Also *Send in the Clowns* from Stephen Sondheim's "A Little Night Music." But *Masquerade* from the Phantom of the Opera was particularly moving and *Nice Work If You Can Get It* from "Crazy For You" by George and Ira Gershwin.

The Broadway Style Top Hat Musical Revue at the Beverly Art Center continues through September 30. Call 773-445-3838 for more information.



## Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau announce winners of Annual Awards and Hospitality Marketing Awards

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau announced the winners of their 2001 Annual Awards and Hospitality Marketing Awards in a presentation Thursday, September 20, at Georgios Comfort Inn & Conference Centre, 8800 W. 159th Street in Orland Hills, during the organization's annual Membership Awards Luncheon.

Bureau President/CEO Jim Garrett and Chairperson of the Board Patricia Chase Magon presented the five Annual Awards to individuals, organizations, and municipalities that have made outstanding contributions to the Bureau and the regional hospitality industry. "These awards recognize individuals and organizations who truly understand the value of tourism and hospitality in the Chicago Southland, and have contributed greatly to these industries during the past year," said Garrett.

The Award of Merit is presented members who have made specific contributions to the Bureau during the past year. Mr. Pete Vasquez, a trustee of the City of Blue Island, won the Bureau's Award of Merit for 2001. Vasquez, a member of the American GI Forum, a Hispanic-American veteran's

group, was instrumental in bringing the Forum's National Conference to the Chicago Southland. Held just last month at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn & Convention Center, the American GI Forum had a great economic impact on the Southland region, and Mr. Vasquez's efforts "Keep Meetings Local" makes him the winner of this year's Award of Merit.

The Municipal Leader of the Year Award is presented annually to a leader in a community represented by the Bureau who has demonstrated support and contributions to the hospitality industry and the Bureau's programs.

This year's Municipal Leader of the Year Award was presented to Edward Zabrocki, Mayor of Tinley Park. Mayor Zabrocki and the Village of Tinley Park are recognized for their continuing efforts to increase the potential of Tinley Park and the Chicago Southland as a visitor destination.

Some years ago, the Bureau created the Aldo DeAngelis Leadership Award to honor Mr. DeAngelis' leadership in laying a solid foundation for the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau while he was a member of the

Illinois Senate. This year the Bureau presents this award to Senator Debbie Halvorson for outstanding leadership on behalf of the hospitality and tourism industry in the Southland. As a member of the Illinois Senate, Senator Halvorson has been a strong proponent of tourism and business in the Chicago Southland region. She is a member of the Governor's Commission on Tourism and the Growth Task Force, and serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Local Government Committee, and is Minority Spokesperson on the Commerce and Industry Committee.

The winner of this year's Linda Morgan Award is Joan Summit of the Village of South Holland. Joan is a hard working and knowledgeable supporter of tourism in the Chicago Southland, working on a variety of projects to raise the visibility of her community, the region, and the Bureau. Joan Summit can always be counted on for assistance or answers on a variety of projects.

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau presents its Member of the Year Award for outstanding contributions to the Bureau and the regional hospitality industry.

The Bureau's 2001 Member of the Year has become one of the largest visitor draws in the entire Chicago metropolitan area, and its inaugural season was the envy of any attraction developer's dream. The entire Chicago Southland has benefited from the presence of Chicagoland Speedway and Route 66 Raceway through increased visitors and hotel bookings, not to mention its effect on restaurants, retailers, and services.

Chicagoland Speedway/Route 66 Raceway has worked with the Bureau since its creation to make visitors welcome to our region, and make their stays as organized, pleasant and comfortable as possible. Joie Chitwood, Vice President and General Manager of Chicagoland Speedway/Route 66 Raceway accepted the award.

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loan is taken out by the couple or by their families, it often offers a tax deduction."

Once the money issue is resolved, the fun of wedding planning can begin. Or not fun, according to 61% of the survey respondents who said they had disagreements on at least one aspect of the wedding planning. The leading cause of disagreement was guest list, particularly for men, who chose the guest list as a source of disagreement nearly twice as often as women did.

"It's not surprising that the guest list leads the way as a source of anxiety as couples planned their wedding day," Blum said. "A wedding is a merging of two families, and there's money and emotion involved. Conflict usually develops when one family is asked to trim its guest list in order to help meet the wedding's budget."

Other areas of disagreement included the honeymoon destination, financing the wedding and the menu.

## South Suburban PADS seeks volunteers

South Suburban PADS, which provides emergency shelter sites for homeless persons, is seeking additional volunteers for its sites in churches in Oak Lawn, Burbank, Alsip and Worth. New volunteers are asked to attend one of the following training sessions: Sunday, September 30 from 1 to 3 pm, at Our Lady of the Ridge, 10811 S. Ridgeland; or Monday, October 8 from 7 to 9 pm at Oak Lawn Community Church at 9000 S. Ridgeland.

PADS volunteers are asked to work one four or five hour shifts per month. Volunteers are especially needed for the 10:45 pm to 3:00 am shift and the 2:45 to 7:15 shift. Other shifts are 6:00 to 11:00 pm and 5:00 to 7:30 am. PADS sites operate from mid-October to mid-April. Volunteers may sign up by calling Debbie Will at 532-4116.

As the PADS program begins its fourth year in the south-west suburbs, a fifth church has agreed to serve as a shelter site. St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church in Worth will provide shelter every Friday night. Other sites include: Oak Lawn Community Church (Sunday night), Our Savior Lutheran Church in Burbank (Tuesday night), Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ in Oak Lawn (Thursday night), and Christ United Methodist Church in Alsip (Saturday night).

PADS is still looking for shelter sites on Monday and Wednesday nights. Any church, synagogue, or mosque interested in providing shelter may contact the South Suburban PADS Office at 708-754-4357 for more information.

## Murphy's memory honored at Marian Catholic

Nothing will be able to soothe the events of September 11, 2001 for many Americans.

That's certainly the case with the family of Marian Catholic High School graduate Patrick Murphy '81. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Patrick Murphy was attending the annual meeting in The Pentagon on September 11 when a hijacked plane crashed into the building.

"Our hearts and prayers are with the family," Marian President Sr. M. Paul McCaughey, O.P. said when she learned the Department of Defense had listed Murphy as missing. "Nothing can truly ease the loss of a son, brother, husband, father — a loss so deepened by Pat's goodness."

Marian Catholic High School and so many of

Murphy's childhood friends want to be sure Murphy's memory will live on for years to come. The school plans to establish a memorial scholarship in Murphy's name with the parameters of the scholarship determined by his family.

Additionally, the flagpole on the football field will be dedicated to him with a plaque placed there, as well as in a public spot on the grounds. Murphy was part of a 1980 varsity Marian football team that finished 11-1 and advanced to the IHSA Class 4A state semifinals.

"There is a tremendous desire on the part of those at Marian Catholic who knew and love Pat to do something to express that love for him and support for the family," Sr. Paul said.

## For the bride, the wedding is no longer her day only

by Marjorie Trautman

At some time in her life, every woman has dreamed about her wedding day. In a beautiful white dress, she marries a handsome prince who awaits her at the altar with a sparkling diamond ring. Bridesmaids attend to her every need. Her parents throw her a beautiful wedding reception with a beautiful cake. They live happily ever after.

With weddings today, the princess for a day notion is eroding fast, according to a recent survey by Champion Mortgage, a national leader in retail home equity lending. Weddings typically have become complicated, multi-faceted events, with festivities such as the rehearsal dinner, parties and the day after brunch.

Weddings nowadays are involving the decisions of not only the bride, but the groom and their parents as well. The Champion Mortgage Wedding Survey found that men are more willing than women to spend a

greater amount of money on a dream wedding. Men would spend an average of \$23,700 on a dream wedding today, while women are willing to commit \$22,100.

"Recently, I'm seeing men who are more involved in the wedding-planning process," said Marcy Blum, a wedding-industry expert, contributing editor to *Modern Bride* and co-author of *Weddings for Dummies* and *Wedding Kit for Dummies*. "They're expressing their opinions about the menu, the guest list and even the flowers. The Champion Mortgage survey findings affirm the fact that times have changed, and men need to do more than just show up at the altar. In fact, it's great to see couples who are working together to plan their wedding because the process is really a dress rehearsal for the rest of their lives."

When asked who pays for the wedding, respondents to the Champion Mortgage Wedding

Survey believed it's no longer just the bride's family that should be financially responsible for a first wedding. By a 4 to 1 margin, respondents said that all parties involved — both sets of parents, the bride and the groom — should contribute to wedding costs, versus the bride's family alone. Just 16% of those surveyed suggested that the bride's family should pay the entire bill.

Blum recommends that couples choose their priorities for their day and outline a wedding budget. Next, couples and their families should decide who should pay for which expenses and how to pay for them.

"A home equity loan is increasingly becoming more viable financing option for couples who are getting married," Blum said. "As people are marrying later in life, they often own their own home and have a chance to tap into that equity, rather than using high interest credit cards or depleting their savings. Whether a home equity

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## The Southwest Symphony Orchestra is now accepting subscription ticket orders

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra is now accepting subscription ticket orders for the 2001-2002 season.

The scheduled performances are "Latin Temptations," on Saturday, October 20, 2001; "A Glorious Christmas" on Sunday, December 9, 2001 to be held at Our Lady of the Ridge Church in Chicago Ridge; "Fantasia and Fantasia 2000" on Saturday, February 16, 2002; "Opera Spectacular!" on Saturday, March 23, 2002; and "Youth Concerto Concert" on Saturday, April 27, 2002. Except for "A Glorious Christmas," all concerts will be held at Trinity Christian College in the auditorium of the new Martin and Janet Ozinga Chapel located at 6601 W. College Drive in Palos Heights.

Ticket prices for the Christmas concert are \$16 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$7 for students. For all other concerts, tickets are available for three seating areas; Artist's Circle, Conductor's

Circle and Mezzanine. Prices for adults are \$20, \$18 and \$16; seniors are \$19, \$17 and \$15; students are \$11, \$9 and \$7. Children under 12, accompanied with an adult, are free. Subscription Package for all concerts, except for the Christmas Concert, is available for \$76, \$68, and \$60 for adults; \$72, \$64 and \$56 for seniors; and \$40, \$32 and \$24 for students.

For a brochure or further information, please call the Southwest Symphony Orchestra at 708-802-0686. Ticket requests should clearly indicate which concerts are being ordered and whether tickets are need for adults, seniors or students. Orders should include a check or money order payable to the Southwest Symphony Orchestra and should be mailed to 5164 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

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## Library offers Genealogy Workshop

The Oak Lawn Public Library will hold a Genealogy Workshop Saturday, November 17, at 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. An in person registration will begin on October 6 at the Library's Reception Booth on first come, first served basis. Limited to 24 participants. The \$10 workshop fee includes lunch and materials.

Kathy O'Leary, genealogical expert and reference librarian, will lead an introductory program of techniques for researching your family history. Learn about print and CD-ROM resources in the morning and explore the internet in the afternoon. Participants will also take a tour of the library's genealogy collection.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.



Pictured with Judge Sheldon A. Harris (center), is Irene Heroldt, President and George Heroldt, Vice President of Stickney Senior Club.

## The Stickney Senior Club

The Stickney Senior Club recently had Judge Sheldon A. Harris, of the Circuit Court of Cook County, as their guest speaker.

President Irene Heroldt stated that "the Judge did an

excellent job of informing those in attendance. He discussed the various functions of the Circuit Court of Cook County and pointed out the importance of obeying traffic laws."

Judge Harris currently presides as Judge of Supplementary Proceeding-Miscellaneous Remedies at the Daley Center.

## The Beverly Theatre Guild

The Beverly Theatre Guild announces the final week of early bird ticket sales for their upcoming 2001-2002 season. Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods*

will be presented November 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11, 2001; *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller will be presented February 1, 2, and 3, 2002; and *Bleacher Bums* by Joe Mantegna will be presented April 26, 27, and 28, 2002.

To purchase tickets please call 312-409-2705.

## St. Rita football team elects captains for 2001 season

The St. Rita High School varsity football team is in the midst of yet another exciting season behind strong leadership from Head Coach Todd Kuska and his staff. The Mustangs compete in the tough Metro Blue Division of the Chicago Catholic League.

Leading this year's Fighting Mustangs as team captains are:


John McCarthy of Palos Park, a 6'1" 185 lb. senior defensive back/running back;

John Pechulis of Chicago's Garfield Ridge neighborhood, a 6'2" 250 lb. senior offensive/defensive lineman recently ranked among the top players in Illinois;

Will Myles of Chicago's Wrightwood neighborhood, a 5'11" 185 lb. senior quarterback;


Ed Rumba of Palos Park, a 6'1" 275 lb. senior offensive/defensive lineman;

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## Marist students create a model of school

Marist teacher, Don Barwacz offers senior students a course in Architectural Design. The final project of this course is to create a model of their dream home. When three senior students, A.J. Lacko, Steve Landgraf and Dan Niemeier heard about this exciting project they decided to create a full scale model of the school. This has never been done before in the history of the school and little did these three students know that it

would be a project that would far extend their knowledge of each detail of their now, alma mater.

A.J. Lacko, Steve Landgraf, and Dan Niemeier spent their entire summer finishing the extensive project. The students worked everyday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm they even worked around their summer jobs. When Dan Niemeier was asked what his motivation was, he stated, "I wanted to give something back to the future students of Marist, as well as to make Mr. Barwacz proud."

The model is now on display in the Marist High School Library for all families, students and faculty to view. For information please contact Anne Thies, 773-881-5311.

## Marist offers opportunities

The Marist High School Open House is scheduled for October 14 and November 11 from 12:00 until 3:00 pm. The Open House is an opportunity for families to meet the administration, faculty, staff and students, receive a tour of the school by a Marist Ambassador, and get any questions answered.

Marist has four Informa-

tion nights planned for the fall. Information Nights are scheduled to provide families with a presentation on the school, as well as tour of the facility. These evenings are planned for September 5, October 3, October 24 and December 12 starting at 7:00 pm.

For more information on these Marist High School events, please contact Mr. Gene Nolan, Director of Admissions at 773-881-5330.

## Council Oak Montessori School

Taylor Pickett, a Beverly resident, started off the school year in Council Oak's Lower Elementary class by writing a play. It was performed by the class several times to the rest of the school last week. Taylor's play inspired other students to become authors, in conjunction with their study of Europe. Jim Allsopp from the National Weather Service gave a special guest presentation to this class last Tuesday on the nature of weather.

The Upper Elementary students have been discussing the theory of the Big Bang in preparation for the First Great Lesson of the year next week. They also designed posters depicting the five themes of Geography.

Each group gave a presentation about the poster. Council Oak's Middle School class unfortunately had to cancel their first camping trip of the year, due to the terrorist attacks. Instead, they took a day trip to Kankakee River State Park to explore the wildflowers, mushrooms, Arachnida, and hike the trails. This field trip was an extension of their study of flowering plants.

To replace the team building activities they were to do at camp, the Middle Schoolers worked together to come up with a new, more comfortable arrangement and system for their class fund raising activity: pizza lunches.

## Military News

Marine Corps Pvt. Neal A. Sanchez, Jr., son of Lacey Geraty of Oak Lawn and Neal A. Sanchez, Sr. of Chicago, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. Sanchez is a 2000 graduate of Marist High School.

Michael J. Cingrani has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. Cingrani is a 1998 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School and will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia for basic training. He is the son of Pyong Y. and Dennis P. Cingrani of Oak Lawn.

Army National Guard Pvt. Vincent F. Fisher has graduated from the food service specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, VA. He is the son of Nancy Nusko of Oak Lawn and David Fisher of Chicago. Fisher is a graduate of Richards High School in Oak Lawn.

## Marist announces Hall of Fame Dinner

The Marist High School Hall of Fame Selection Committee is pleased to announce the selection of four individuals this year. Carl Cozen '90, Jeremiah Joyce '87, Paul Andreotti '89 and Brother Richard Grenier will be inducted this year.

The Selection Committee consists of alumni representing the four decades of Marist existence, Marist faculty and staff and former faculty of Marist High School. The individual's role as a strong Marist representative, as well as extra curricular achievement are the criterion when selecting inductees. These individuals were chosen because they are men of faith with an everlasting sense of family.

The Hall of Fame Induction Dinner is set for Friday, November 16, at the Beverly Country Club, 8700 South Western Avenue, Chicago. For more information contact the Alumni Office at Marist High School, 773-881-6360 ext. 5376.



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# Life Teen

by Carlene O'Connor

Life Teen is for teenagers bringing them closer to Christ. St. Alexander's Parish in Palos Heights hosts the ministry each Sunday at 6:00 pm for all teenagers from all faiths. It is open to anyone. The prime purpose is for teens to discuss their lives and problems and have fellowship.

According to Emily Sudkamp, Core Member "We discuss the things that really touch their hearts."

There are 240 teenagers on the database and the teens are not charged to belong to this group. The teens are encouraged to walk in and bring their friends.

Some events that the group goes on are ski trips, Six Flags, Toronto trip, retreats, Rome, and the Dunes. All these trips were concentrated on bringing the teens closer to God.

On Sundays the Mass is attended first and the nights are started with a lot of music and a lot of fun. Food is served and the kids gather together almost like how you envision on the television program "Friends."

Life Teen is a place where a person can go and feel safe. They know they will not be ridiculed or be put down and can discuss whatever is on their minds. It is a safe and pleasant refuge for teens.

Loving people serve as core members and mentors guide them and the priests are readily available to them.

Father Cronin gave an impressive mass and the music really encourages the teens.

The theme song for Life Teen is "I am Trading My Sorrows" Darrell Evans 1998 Integrity Music and in one verse it says:

"I am pressed but not crushed; persecuted, not abandoned. Struck down but not destroyed. I am blessed beyond the curse, for His promise will endure. That His joy is gonna be my strength. Though the sorrow may last for the night, His joy comes with the morning."



## Christmas Around the World at Museum of Science and Industry

Join the Museum of Science and Industry as Sears presents *Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light*, featuring the Robert Lesser Collection of Robots and Space Toys.

*Christmas Around the World* began as a United Nations Day salute to American Allies during World War 2. Now in its 60th year, *Christmas Around the World* has grown to an enchanted forest of more than 40 trees, each decorated carefully by one of Chicago's ethnic communities.

Now in its ninth year, *Holidays of Light* illuminates the season with its multicultural display featuring holiday traditions that celebrate light or enlightenment. This year's special exhibition is the *Robert Lesser Collection of Robots and Space Toys*, featuring over 200 robots, space-men, rockets, monsters and other nostalgic collectibles dating from the prewar era to the 1960's, the golden age of robots.

## Howdy Doody comes to the Museum of Science and Industry

The Museum of Science and Industry, at 57th and Lake Shore Drive in Chicago, welcomes the original Howdy Doody marionette, along with his beloved puppet friends--Flub-A-Dub, Princess Summerfall Winterspring, Inspector John J. Phadoozer, Fineas T. Bluster and Dilly Dally--at its newest temporary exhibit, "It's Howdy Doody Time!"

"The Howdy Doody Show", the first network show of the day, was also the first network kids' show to run five days a week, the first network show ever broadcast in color, the first to implement a split screen cross-country broadcast, and the first show ever to air more than 1,000 continuous episodes.

## Holiday House Walk in Beverly

The Little Company of Mary will hold their 7th Annual Holiday House Walk on Saturday, October 6th from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., featuring five spectacular homes in Chicago's historic Beverly neighborhood.

Visitors will be dazzled by these architecturally significant homes that will be seasonally furnished by area decorators and florists. Participants are also invited to visit the Pumpkin Patch, a special area in one of the homes where the Auxiliary will sell homemade treats and handcrafted gifts.

Visitors will be given a program for the event which will also serve as your ticket. It will have the addresses and descriptions of the homes. Each description is accompanied by a sketch from local artist Jack Simmerling. If you place your order in advance, your brochure will be mailed to you. Otherwise, you can pick up your brochure the morning of the Walk at St. Barnabas School parking lot, 10121 S. Longwood Drive.

Tickets are being sold for \$20 at the Hospital at 2800 W. 95th Street, or by calling 708/229-5447.



Pictured from the left is Judge Harris, Elaine Chao, and Judge Gordon.

## Guest speaker for the Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge

At a recent visit to Chicago, Elaine Chao, Secretary of Labor for the United States, spent some time discussing the Judicial System in Cook County. The secretary was the guest speaker for

the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7 at their board meeting. Also on hand to speak were Judge Sheldon A. Harris and Judge Robert E. Gordon, of the First District of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

President William Nolan of the F.O.P., made the introductions of the distinguished guests. President Nolan has been a staunch supporter of the Judicial System here in Cook County.

## Jon Kuhn Glass Sculpture

The works of Jon Kuhn, a Chicago born and internationally collected glass sculptor, will appear in the Sculpture, Objects, and Functional Art exhibition (SOFA) October 4 through 8, 2001. The exhibition, housed at Navy Pier in Chicago, will feature thirteen Kuhn pieces in several architectonic forms.

Jon Kuhn's work resides in more than 30 significant national and international collections, including New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Smithsonian Institution, The White House Permanent Collection, the Royal Ontario Museum, and museum collections in Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, and Taiwan.

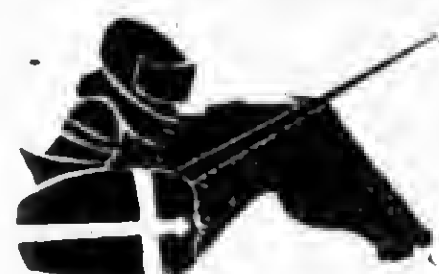
A product of the Chicago grade school system and the University of Chicago high school, Jon Kuhn views his artistic evolution as a journey toward illuminating the inner core. Early Kuhn works in blown glass featured intentionally rough, opaque exteriors, often emulating elements of the natural world, with small windows offering but a glimpse at a serene and beautiful interior. In time, the window "opened" to include the entire work, a clear view of a complex but organized "inner being" represented by a perfect cube of colored and

clear glass called the "core material." In Kuhn's words, the work is "about a perfect idea about building a better world...that can be viewed on different levels."

Jon Kuhn's work is visually dramatic, and reflects his passion for quality and detail. A Kuhn sculpture may contain more than a thousand individual pieces of glass and take more than a year to complete. Kuhn's "perfect ideal" comes to life in Kuhn Studio, Inc., Winston-Salem, NC, in a culture of 25 employees who share his obsession with meticulous workmanship and attention to detail. Says Studio Manager Bob Fitzgerald, "We recognize the potential of being part of the source of something unique."

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## O'Malley Bill helping disabled citizens signed into law

More citizens with disabilities could testify against criminals who have victimized them, under a new law sponsored by State Senator Patrick O'Malley.

Senate Bill 401 allows the videotaped testimony of victims with severe or moderate mental retardation who are not institutionalized to be admitted into evidence in the same manner that testimony of an institutionalized retarded victim or the testimony of a child victim can be admitted into evidence.

"This new law protects the rights of more of society's most vulnerable crime victims by modifying current law to allow videotaped testimony by retarded citizens who do not live in institutions," O'Malley said. "At the same time the new law protects the rights of the accused by incorporating procedural safeguards to allow only re-

liable and trustworthy testimony to come into evidence."

The 18th District Senator says current law uses the term "institutionalized" when defining a victim with severe or profound mental retardation. Senate Bill 401 eliminates the use of the term "institutionalized" when defining this class of crime victim. It also allows the same rights for persons with moderate retardation.

"This legislation was initiated by Thomas Parchem of the southwest suburbs, the father of a victim with mental retardation who was sexually assaulted. She provided out of court statements to police and therapists, but could not testify via videotape at the trial because she was not institutionalized. Testifying in person was ruled out in this case because it was feared the experience of testifying would traumatize her further," O'Malley said. "So because she was not

institutionalized, her statements against the defendant could not be brought into the court via videotape."

Parchem testified in support of O'Malley's legislation before the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 20, as did Ron Blouin, executive director of Blue Cap of Blue Island, which is a social service agency providing support for people with disabilities.

Supported by the Illinois Department of Human Services' Office of Mental Health, the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities, Equip for Equality, Blue Cap and Association. Senate Bill 401 has an effective date of January 1, 2002.

## Military

Dannielle R. Carroll has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Washington.

The cadet is a 1999 graduate of Maria High School and is currently a student at Centre College in Dansville, KY. Carroll is the daughter of Florence L. Carroll of Evergreen Park.

## American Red Cross seeks volunteers

Immediately after the worst terrorist strike in the United States, generous Americans across Chicago, the state and the nation turned to the Red Cross to volunteer their time, blood and money. Relief for this and many other Red Cross programs is made possible by everyday people who learn how good it can feel to lend a helping hand. Volunteers are a critical part of the American Red Cross, working in neighborhoods everyday to provide community disaster preparedness and relief, safety and health education, assistance to the military families and interna-

tional services.

With more than 50 different volunteer opportunities, there is a place for everyone at the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago. Find out how to be a part of Red Cross by attending the next volunteer information session on Saturday, October 20, 2001 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am at the Richton Park Public Library at 4045 Sauk Trail, in Richton Park.

Free parking is available. For more information about volunteering or this information session contact Peggy Valdes at 773-238-3057.



## Library displays for October 2001

The Oak Lawn Public Library will host an exhibit of silhouette pen and ink drawings and a collection of children's books from the 1920s through the 1960s in their first floor community display cases throughout the month of October.

Individuals and local community groups interested in exhibiting special collections, activities and creative works at the library may pick up a display case application at their Reception Booth, first floor. For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

## Lipinski opposes aviation financial package without security and worker aid provisions

Representative Bill Lipinski (D-IL 03) took to the House floor to oppose H.R. 2926, the Air Transportation System Stabilization Act. The bill, which was expected to pass the House with many Democrats opposing, was brought to the House floor just minutes after Congressional agreed to legislative language.

"As the ranking Member of the House Subcommittee on Aviation, nobody knows better than I how important the airline industry is to the economy," said Lipinski. "However, without mandating security measures that the American flying public can see -- the federalization of the screening process, air marshals, and the securing of cockpit doors -- Americans will not feel safe enough to get back in the air, and airlines will continue to lose millions each day. Therefore, I cannot support this legislation that does nothing to get Americans flying again. Any financial package must be considered in tandem with strong safety measures."

H.R. 2926 would provide \$5 billion in immediate cash assistance to the nation's airlines to compensate for losses incurred after the September 11th terrorist hijackings. \$10 billion in

loan guarantees would also be made available to allow airlines to access credit. H.R. 2926 also limits the liability of American Airlines and United Airlines of death and property damage caused by the September 11 attacks. In addition, the measure sets up a system on which to compensate victims of the attacks and includes insurance coverage provisions. The measure does not include security and dislocated airline worker provisions that many Democrats and Republicans were seeking and have asked the Administration for in House and Senate hearings this past week.

"This week it has been announced that over 100,000 people would lose their jobs, no matter the size of the financial package Congress gives the industry. Yet, there is no worker retraining or continuation of health care coverage for the hundreds of thousands of workers that will never get their jobs back. At the same time, the measure fails to prevent golden parachutes by outgoing airline executives. These are yet more reason that I cannot in good faith vote for a package that would not allow executives to pocket millions of taxpayer dollars without giving any aid to hundreds of

thousands out of work Americans," explained Lipinski. "Contrary to what many are saying, the real deadline for action is next Wednesday when the airlines' insurance runs up."

"Until then we should debate, discuss, and negotiate this package for the next few days. That way we can present a balanced and fair package that will stabilize the Aviation industry provide safety in the air, and help hundreds of thousands of Americans."

## Beverly Hills Embroiderer's Guild

The Beverly Hills Embroiderer's Guild program will be the noted Rev. Allan Dempsey, a hard anger teacher and historian, Tuesday, October 16 from 9 am to 12 noon, at no charge.

Huck Toweling will be taught and stitched at the 7 pm to 9 pm meeting. The public is invited to either or both meetings at the Oak View Center, 4025 W. 110th Street, Oak Lawn. Call 708-857-2200 for information.

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The new MVCC Hospitality Institute has opened, offering a wide variety of non-credit courses for business and industry, as well as those interested in the culinary arts. Courses include Food Service Sanitation Refresher, Service that Wows, Using Technology to Improve Your

Restaurant Business, Holiday Cuisines, and Improving your Banquet and Catering Business by Technology. For complete information, call the Workforce Development and Community Service office at (708) 974-5735. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office in the College Center, on campus, at 10900 S. 88th Avenue, Palos Hills. Students can also register by phone with an operator by calling (708) 974-2110 (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired (708) 974-9556). Previously admitted students can also register online via the college's Web site, [www.moraine.cc.il.us](http://www.moraine.cc.il.us).

### ACT Center, On-Line Learning Program

To meet the demands of business and industry, MVCC now offers a variety of short-term non-credit ACT Center and on-line learning resource training

programs through the Department of Workforce Development and Community Services. These programs provide instruction in Adult Literacy and Employability Skills, Computer Basics, Information Technology, English as a Second Language, Industrial Technology, Occupational and Safety Skills, Management, Leadership, Sales and Small Business Operation, and Professional and Personal Development. Information on these programs is available through the college at (708) 974-5400.

### Music Lessons for Children, Adults begin in October

Beginning October 15th, MVCC will offer eight week, non-credit music lessons for children and adults. Non-credit individual instruction will be offered to children and adults interested in learning the basics and/or

expanding their knowledge and ability with their voice or instrument. Lessons are 30 minutes or one hour. Students must be at least 9 years old for instrument lessons and at least 12 for voice lessons. Students must own or have access to the specific instrument being taught. Courses include individual instruction in Basic Guitar, Clarinet, Flute, Oboe, Organ, Percussion, Piano, Saxophone, Tuba, and Voice. After you register, the instructor will contact you by telephone to arrange the day/time of your lesson. Please call (708) 974-5393 for more information.

### Menker Theater to host Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats

MVCC will play host to the awe-inspiring Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats on Saturday, October 13, at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Menker

Theater, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. This amazing acrobatic group, formerly the Chinese Magic Revue, has created a high-energy attraction for universities and colleges, performing arts centers, and corporate events for more than 25 years. Under the direction of Ken Hai, the precision and grace of this 18-member company flawlessly interprets their artistic endeavor through years of intense training and discipline. The multicultural production features dazzling acrobatic displays, formidable feats of balance, explosive Kung Fu, brilliant costumes, and even a touch of Chinese comedy. Winners of the 1998 Campus Activities Today reader's Choice Award, the Shangri-La performance is sure to please. Tickets to this spectacular event are \$22 for adults, while tickets for seniors and students are \$17. For more information, call the Box Office at (708) 974-5500.

## Life Ministries Church offers Family Refreshing

Life Ministries Church is sponsoring "A Family Refreshing" featuring the international ministry of Reverend Marlo Ramdial of Freeport, Trinidad in the West Indies.

There were those in Reverend Ramdial's small community who had marked him to become a Hindu high priest. Marlo's brilliant artistic abilities also gained him fame for being the greatest idol/god maker in the entire region. He experienced a dramatic encounter with Christ during a near death experience and travels internationally to tell his story, preach the Good News, and minister to those who need healing for their entire person. Healing, salvation, deliverance, and addiction breaking prayers will be shared in every service.

Services will be held Sunday evening through Friday evening at Spirit of Liberty located at 162nd and Pulaski at 7:00 pm. The Sunday evening service is at 6:30.

Life Ministries Church is pastored by Freddie & Mary Gaye Steel and meets Sunday morning at Southwest Chicago Christian Junior High School located at 101st and Central in Oak Lawn. Join us for dynamic praise and worship and a Family Refreshing. For more information call 708-705-7300.

### Local Navy Officer killed in Pentagon terrorist attack

Navy Lieutenant Commander Patrick Jude Murphy, of suburban Chicago, has been identified as one of the victims of the September 11th terrorist attack on the Pentagon. A member of the Naval Reserve, Lt. Cmdr. Murphy was performing a two-week assignment with the Navy Command Center, standing duty when the attack occurred. Patrick was a man of many interests, well traveled, and a student of history. He had visited many countries in Eastern and Northern Europe, and enjoyed meeting people and learning different cultures. Most importantly, Patrick loved spending time with his family. He gave his life for his

beliefs in family, God, and country. His decorations include the Navy Achievement Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Purple Heart (posthumously awarded). Patrick is survived by his wife of 15 years, Masako Murphy, and his two children, Mitchell (6) and Casey (3).

### Legendary My Fair Lady plays Drury Lane Oakbrook

One of the legendary masterpieces of musical theatre, My Fair Lady will be brought to the Drury Lane Oakbrook stage October 17, 2001 and continue through the holiday season closing on January 6, 2002.

The performance schedule for My Fair Lady is as follows:

Wednesdays at 8:00 pm

### IDOT Sues Company for Damages done in McCook

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has filed a lawsuit against Vulcan Materials company, seeking damages from the corporation for costs associated with the damages caused to Joliet Road in McCook. U.S.

Thursdays at 2 and 8 pm  
Fridays at 8:30 pm  
Saturdays at 5:30 and 9 pm  
Sundays at 2:30 and 7 pm

Ticket prices range from \$19 to \$25 with dinner/show packages available. Tickets may be purchased at the Drury Lane Oakbrook office, located at 100 Drury Lane, or may be charged by phone by calling 630-530-0111. TicketMaster outlets also carry tickets as well as TicketMaster phone charge at 312-902-1500. Student discounts and group rates are available for all performances.

Congressman William Lipinski (D-Chicago), State Representative Eileen Lyons (R-LaGrange) and State Senator Christine Radogno (R-LaGrange) support IDOT in the suit.

"Vulcan Materials Company has a responsibility to the citizens and commuters that live within the areas that they are excavating," said Lipinski. "They are obligated to assume responsibility for damage to property in the vicinity of their mining operations that

is directly related to their operations."

"The problems caused by the closing of Joliet Road have plagued the public for the last two years," said Lyons. "Action on this matter is long overdue."

For further information regarding the IDOT's lawsuit filed against Vulcan Material Company, please contact U.S. Congressman Lipinski at (312) 886-0481, State Senator Christine Radogno at (708) 254-6700, or State Representative Eileen Lyons at (708) 352-7700.

IDOT's suit further requests that the Cook County Circuit Court permanently order Vulcan to cease all further blasting, excavating and mining operations within the vicinity of Joliet Road between 55th Street and East Avenue to avoid any further damage to the Joliet Road Ridge.

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## Advocate Christ Medical Center Programs

Advocate Christ Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th Street in Oak Lawn, has schedule the following community education classes and support group meetings

To register or for more information, call Advocate Christ Medical Center's Health Advisor at 1-800-323-8622.

**Diabetes Support Group** - Will meet at 6:00 pm the first Monday of the month in the medical center's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. Registration is required.

**Overeaters Anonymous** - A free support that meets every Wednesday from 11:00 am to Noon in the medical center's Harbor Room. For more info or to register call Christ Medical Center at 1-800-323-8622.

**Blood Pressure Tests** - First Wednesday of the month from 2 to 3:30 pm, except holidays, in the main lobby of the medical center.

**Teen Alcoholics Support Group** - A free 12 Step group meets Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm. No registration required.

**Prescription Analysis Service** - First Wednesday of the month from 2 to 3:30 pm in the main lobby of the medical center. For more information call 708-346-4150.

**Post Polio Support Group** - Second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Percy Hopkins Auditorium. Meetings are free and no registration required.

**Happy Hearts Support Group** - Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Percy Hopkins Auditorium.

**Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders Support Group** - Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. For more info and location of the meeting, please call 708-388-5413.

**Alzheimer's Support Group** - Meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Evergreen Healthcare Center, 10124 S. Kedzie. No registration required. For more info call Frank Kowalik, 708-229-3059.

**Crohn's Disease Support Group** - Meets the second Thursday of the month from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

**Easy Breathers Pulmonary Support Group** - Meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Percy Hopkins Auditorium. No registration required.

**New Beginnings** - Small group sessions for those who have experienced death of a significant person in their lives. Meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.

**Caring Connection** - Small group sessions for parents who have experienced the death of a child either through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death. Meets at 7:30 pm the third Monday of the month in the medical center's Harbor Room. No registration required.

**Parents of Children with Special Needs Support Group** - A free support group for parents of children with special needs, including autism, will meet to share information and concerns at noon the third Wednesday of the month in Room 2176 of Advocate Hope Children's Hospital.

**Breast Cancer Support Group** - Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the medical center's Red Room. No registration required.

**Senior Breakfast Club** - Area seniors are invited to attend a free presentation from 8:30 to 9:45 am the third Friday of the month. Registration is necessary.

**Arthritis Support Group** - A free support and education group for those with arthritis will meet at 11:00 am the fourth Tuesday of the month at Peace Memorial Church, 10300 W. 131st Street, Palos Park.

## Evergreen Park Public Library

9400 S. Troy Avenue Evergreen Park 708-422-8522

### Passport Club

Please join us at the Evergreen Park Public Library when we'll travel around the world in eight days. Come to the library every Thursday at 3:30 pm from October 11 through December 13 to learn about faraway places through stories and activities from around the world. Pick up your passport today!

The Passport Club will not meet on October 18 or on November 22. This program is for children in Kindergarten through grade 3. For more information, call the library at 708-422-8522.

### Camera Club

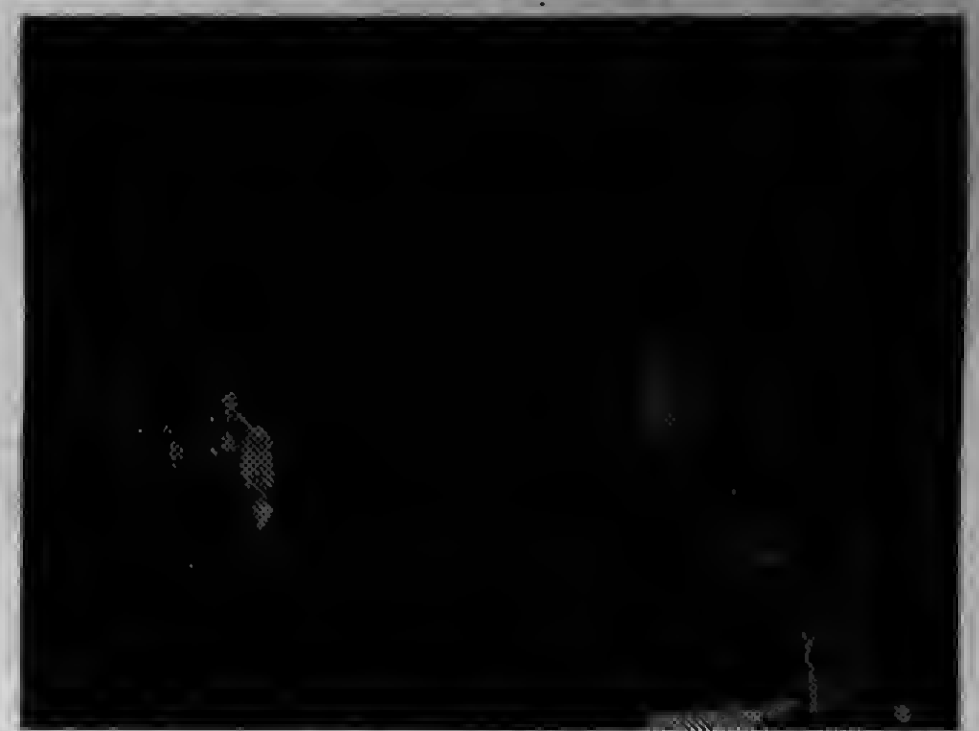
The first October meeting of the Oak Lawn Camera Club will be held at 7:30 pm on Friday, October 5. The meeting will take place at the Oakview Community Center at 4625 W. 110th Street in Oak Lawn. The program will be the first regular competition of the 2001-2002 season.

The Camera Club welcomes all photographers. If you are new to photography, or are an old hand at this, Oak Lawn Camera Club has something to offer. Come and learn more about this special art form with people who share your interest. Any further questions can be answered by calling Betty at 708-534-1912 or Len at 708-849-5961.

### Toddler Time

Evergreen Park Public Library is holding registration for Toddler Time beginning Monday, October 1 at 9:00 am. Please register in person on October 1. Telephone registration begins October 2.

Toddler Time is an interactive story time program for children 18 to 36 months. Children must be accompanied by an adult. There are four sessions: Tuesdays at 10:30 am, Wednesdays at 10:00 am, and Thursdays at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. Toddler Time runs from Tuesday, October 9 through Thursday, November 1. For more information call the library at 708-422-8522.



Pictured from left to right: Jolene Churak, scholarship committee member; Denise Stillman, manager of public relations and marketing at Little Company of Mary Hospital and scholarship judge; Maureen Murphy, scholarship committee member; Adam Razik, 2001 scholarship recipient; Mary Gibbons, scholarship committee member.

### Gerald E. Gibbons Scholarship Award Winner

Members of the Gerald E. Gibbons Scholarship Committee presented this year's scholarship winner with a check for \$1,000. Evergreen Park resident Adam Razik is this year's scholarship winner. He is a senior at Ever-

green Park Community High School and hopes to attend Northwestern University next year.

If you would like to see this scholarship continue, please send contributions to The Gerald E. Gibbons Scholarship Fund, 10135 S. Homan Avenue, Evergreen Park, Illinois, 60805.

## Study by GSU Professor highlights inequities in treatment for heart attack patients

A new study finds that patients with public health insurance are more likely to die from a heart attack than patients with private insurance, pointing to a seeming inequity in the delivery of costly life saving procedures.

Vice President Dick Cheney's recent hospitalizations underscored the potentially life saving benefits of advanced medical care following a heart attack.

However, the results of this new study suggest that these lifesaving benefits -- which in the case of the vice president's recent surgery cost more than \$30,000 -- may not be readily available to heart patients who don't have the insurance to pay for them.

Death rates after a heart attack vary according to insurance coverage and were lowest for patients with private insurance, says study author Jay J. Shen, Ph.D., of Governor's State.

"In general, Medicaid and uninsured heart attack patients were about 20% and 30% more likely to die in the hospital than were Medicare heart attack patients, respectively," he says.

Patients with private insurance, however, were 20%

less likely to die when compared to Medicaid patients.

The study is published in the August issue of Health Services Research.

The investigators reviewed records from 95,971 heart attack discharges from hospitals in 11 states with primary diagnosis of either heart attack or presumed heart attack complication. In addition to insurance coverage, the researchers examined the relationship between race and income on death rates from heart attack.

Mortality did not differ between races and reduced income was only modestly associated with increased risk of dying following a heart attack.

However, patients in the "extremely unfavorable group" (those who lived in a low income area and with either uninsured or covered by Medicaid) not only were more likely to die, but also were sicker, stayed in the hospital longer, were less likely to receive certain procedures for heart disease and had higher hospital bills when compared to private insurance patients who lived in more affluent neighborhoods.

"Patients with inferior insurance status may have

other illnesses or more advanced disease as a result of financial limitations on sources and access to primary, preventive or even urgent care," Shen explains.

Changing national policies to promote better medical care for uninsured and underinsured individuals could result in reduced deaths from heart attack for all Americans, says Shen.

In addition to the ethical concerns, he points out that "these data demonstrate that disadvantaged patients experienced greater lengths of hospital stay, greater charges, as well as inferior outcomes. An increased focus on improving treatment of heart attack patients bearing multiple low socioeconomic attributes may be in the public interest from a cost effectiveness perspective."

Health Services Research is the bimonthly peer-reviewed journal of the Association for Health Services Research and is owned by Health Research and Educational Trust. For more information about the journal, contact Alice Schaller at 510-643-5439. For copies of the article, contact the Center for the Advancement of Health at 202-387-2829.

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## Greta Wiley Book Review brings books alive

The Prosperity Club at Advance Bank presents a Greta Wiley Book Review and luncheon at Silver Lake Country Club located at 147th & 82nd Avenue in Orland Park on Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 11:00 am. Greta is a full blooded book dramatist, mounting a one woman show that summarizes entire novels and biographies complete with character dialogue and running commentary in 60 minutes or so on stage. She breathes living passion and fury into the work, never without a point of view.

Miss Wiley's dramatization for this event will be "Five Quarters of the Orange," by Joanne Harris, author of the best selling novel and prize winning film, Chocolat. It is a new story about a strong woman and her influence on a little French town during the war, and 55 years later.

Cost of this special luncheon is \$21 per member and \$25 per

guest. Reservations are required. Send checks payable to Advance Prosperity Club, 18300 Dixie Hwy, Homewood, IL, 60430. Call 708-418-2600 for more information.

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What holiday season would be complete without the spectacular ice show and

performance by the Rockettes? And, if you're a music lover, join us at the Chicago Symphony's Christmas Spectacular with lunch at Lawry's Prime Rib before the performance.

If you like a party atmosphere, you're going to love our upcoming Holiday Parties in December. Call the Advance Bank Prosperity Club at 708-418-2600 for further details.

## St. Rita Mother's Club

The St. Rita Mother's Club Meeting for the month of October will be held on Monday, October 8, 2001. We have invited Dr. Mayer to speak to the St. Rita Mothers' regarding "Teenage/Adolescent Behavior." Meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served.

We are still looking for crafters for our Craft Show for October 21, 2001. The Annual Arts and Crafts Show will be held at St. Rita High School, 7740 S. Western, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. For an application package, please contact Leticia Dudek at 708-499-6760.

## LaGrange Area Citizens step out against domestic violence

In just the few seconds it takes to send a friend a quick email, a victim of domestic violence will be assaulted by their partner. According to The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, two out of five women murdered in the United States are murdered by their husbands and domestic violence results in more injuries than rape, accidents, and muggings combined.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To promote an end to domestic violence through advocacy and action, community volunteers will hold a three kilometer walk on Sunday, October 7, 2001 in LaGrange. The "Pillars Walk" will benefit The Pillars Community Services, a comprehensive social service agency serving those who live or work in over thirty communities in western Cook and eastern DuPage and the Midway Airport neighborhoods of Chicago.

In addition to the Constance Morris House which provides comprehensive domestic violence services, The Pillars operates an Early Childhood Center and Head Start Program, a Prevention Task Force, and extensive programs to address the issues of mental health, addiction

and sexual assault.

"We were so gratified by the outpouring of community support and volunteering at the first Pillars Walk," said Pillars Executive Director John Shustitzky. "I know this year's Walk will have an even bigger impact on raising awareness and mobilizing action on behalf of our neighbors in need. When confronted by evidence that problems such as domestic violence are growing, and that they are a reality here in our own community, each of us wants to do something. Walking in the Pillars Walk is one important way we can take a stand and demonstrate our support for those facing domestic violence and other community problems. The Pillars programs addresses."

The event will also include the collection of old cell phones that can literally help save the lives of victims who are beaten and abused every day. Cell phone donations help the fight against domestic violence by placing a powerful tool in the hands of victims in trouble. "I believe domestic violence continues to be a hidden and very pervasive problem in our society," said State Senator Christine Radogno who is assisting with the phone drive. "I am alarmed by the

by the recent studies regarding how much abuse is going on among teenage girls so this is a problem that continues to be ingrained in our society." These donated phones will be pre-programmed free of charge as part of the national Call To Protect program providing individuals with the ability to contact emergency services quickly and efficiently resulting in greater protection and increased public safety. All donated cell phones will be accepted regardless of age, make or model.

On site registration for the Pillars Walk will begin at 9:30 am at the LaGrange Village Hall. The Walk will commence at 10:30 am. Immediately following the Walk, music, refreshments, and raffle prizes will be available at a celebration of the community's commitment against family violence.

For information on the Pillars Walk call 708-352-3227. Donations may also be sent to:

The Pillars Community Services, The Pillars Walk, 106 West Calendar Court #256, LaGrange, Illinois, 60525.

help guarantee the safety of students in our communities."

The "Safe to Learn" program funds will specifically be used for the following local projects.

**Chicago Ridge Public School District #127-1/2, Chicago Ridge** - The school district will receive \$25,000 for building security, violence prevention, crisis management, and teacher/staff training.

**Community High School District #218, Oak Lawn** - The school district will receive \$90,400 for building security, violence prevention, crisis management, and teacher/staff training.

**Evergreen Park Community High School District #231, Evergreen Park** - The school district will receive \$25,000 for building security, violence prevention, crisis management, and teacher/staff training.

**Worth School District #127, Worth** - The school district will receive \$26,000 for building security, violence prevention, crisis management, and teacher/staff training.

## Brosnahan applauds school safety grants

State Rep. Jim Brosnahan announced that several area school districts are scheduled to receive state funding for school safety improvements. Chicago Ridge School District #127 1/2, Community High School District #218, Evergreen Park Community High School District #231, and Worth School District #127 will receive funding allocated through the state's new "Safe to Learn" program, which was created to help schools prevent and effectively manage instances of school violence. According

to Brosnahan, who supported the measure in the Illinois House in 1999, the funds will help protect local students from potential outbreaks of school violence.

"With the escalation in the number and seriousness of tragedies involving violence within our schools, this program is an important precaution in safeguarding Illinois children," stated Brosnahan. "This new funding will be instrumental in enabling our schools to initiate faculty training, violence prevention, and other programs that will



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## Century 21 Pro Team's 5th Annual Autumn Art Expo

Century 21 Pro Team will host its 5th Annual Autumn Art Expo for 7th and 8th Grade Oak Lawn School Students, beginning September 21, 2001. The Autumn Art Expo contest was initiated to exhibit the talents of Oak Lawn students. Twelve Oak Lawn Schools will be participating. Students make their own competitive design for the topic "Autumn in Oak Lawn."

The Century 21 Pro Team staff will give each art entry serious consideration, then one Semi-Finalist from each school will be chosen. Each of the Semi-Finalists will be given the opportunity to paint an art board covering one of the large windows across the face of the Century 21 building located at 5620 W. 95th Street. These art pieces will be on exhibit from October 13 through November 2, 2001.

Each Semi-Finalist will receive a \$50 Bond and a Ribbon of Merit from Century 21 Pro Team. The Grand Prize Winner will receive a \$100 Bond, a trophy and a pizza party, featuring Papa Luigi's Pizza, for the Winner's Homeroom Class in their honor on October 26.

Century 21 Pro Team anxiously awaits the entries and the opportunity to applaud the artistic talent in the Oak Lawn school!

## Garden Center for the Handicapped

Garden Center for the Handicapped needs rummage for their Semi annual Rummage Sale. Donations of rummage will be accepted Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm at 8333 South Austin Avenue, Burbank.

Rummage Sale will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 18, 19, and 20; Bake Sale Thursday and Friday. For further information, please call 708-636-0054.

## Didier Farms hosts area's only pumpkin weighing contest

Nothing against Linus or Charlie Brown, but the real Great Pumpkin will be named on Saturday, October 6 at Didier Farms in northwest suburban Prairie View. Hosting the only Pumpkin Weighing Contest in the greater Chicago, grower's across the Midwest will participate with pumpkins weighing well over 500 pounds expected following a rainy but good for growing August.

The "Great Pumpkin" weigh off will commence at noon at Didier Farms, 16678 W. Aptakistic Road in Prairie View. The event is open to the public as well as to growers wishing to enter the

contest. Last year's winning gourd chimed in at nearly 550 pounds.

Celebrating its 89th year, the family owned and operated Didier Farms will also offer that day and each weekend through October an array of family activities including pony rides, farm animals for viewing, various carnival type rides, hay rides and a corn maze. In addition, corn stalks, assorted gourds, winter squash, apples, cider, gourmet food items, pumpkins, fall decorations and much more will be available. For more information, call 847-634-3291 or visit [www.didierfarms.com](http://www.didierfarms.com).

## McDonald Linn Chicago Ridge VFW

## Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Trip

McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave, Chicago Ridge, will be holding its next monthly Spaghetti Dinner on October 4, from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 10 years and over, 10 years and under are free, when accompanied by an adult.

Dinner includes spaghetti, meat sauce, meat balls, Italian sausage, bread and butter, salad, dessert, coffee and soda. Call 708-636-3220 for more information.

Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Penny Social on October 7, 2001 starting at 1 pm to 5 pm. Treasures, raffles, and refreshments will be part of the day's event.

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a day trip to see the Van Gogh and Gauguin exhibit at the Art Institute of Chicago on Thursday, November 8. Their in person registration will run 9-11 am on Saturday, October 6 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street. The cost of this trip, which includes motorcoach transportation and all admission charges is \$34 for Friends members and \$36 for others. The bus will depart at 9:30 am and return at approximately 3:00 pm. Lunch will be on your own.

After the in person registration closes on October 6, you may call the library for information on how to purchase tickets, 708-422-4990.

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## United Way offers Web site to Chicago Volunteers

Since the Sept. 11th attacks, more than 10,000 Chicagoans have logged on to the United Way's new Chicago volunteer website. [chicagovolunteer.net](http://chicagovolunteer.net). Prospective volunteers have taken their strong feelings for their fellow Americans and put them

to work across Chicagoland. The web site has added new opportunities to allow people to help directly with the national response. Trained specialists can link callers to local agencies offering grief counseling and emotional support. For more information, call (800) 725-5314 or email the United Way at [callforhelp@uwonline.org](mailto:callforhelp@uwonline.org)

## Our Lady of the Snows

Our Lady of the Snows Council of Catholic Women will sponsor "Dinner is Served" on Monday, October 1, 2001 at 7:00 pm in Kinsella Hall, 4810 S. Leamington Avenue. Members will be free and guests are welcome for a \$5 donation. There will not be a Benediction Prayer Service. Father Wacław Jamroz will bless our food and Irene Bigott and her professional staff will serve a complete dinner. You'll discover new products, win free gifts, and walk away with new ideas to share with your families.

The Eucharist will be celebrated together on Sunday, September 30, at the 8:30 am Mass. Please sit up front and center! Mark your calendars for the Fall Bake Sale planned for Sweetest Day weekend, October 20-21, after all the weekend Masses. C.C.W. ladies and parish bakers are asked to bake their specialties for this annual event. Thank you!

## Polish Museum is sponsoring Student Art Contest and Heritage Month Dinner

October is Polish American Heritage Month. In order to increase the awareness of Polish American Heritage Month among youths, The Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, is sponsoring an Art Contest which is open to all students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. By participating in this creative ethnic activity, students will have an opportunity to showcase their artistic talents, as well as win cash prizes. To receive an Art Contest Entry Form and the rules for the contest, please call 773-384-3352.

All Art Contest entries will be on display at the Museum from October 14-21 and will be exhibited in the lobby of the Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street in Chicago, from October 22-28.



American Legion Post 419 changes leadership as past Commander Ted Brandness (left) passes the commander's gavel to Joe Papalaski and incoming officers (left to right) John Mielniecki, Senior Vice Commander; Lad Boblak, Adjutant; Chester Jablonski, Finance Officer. Post 419 meets at the VFW hall at 5858 S. Archer Ave. and is currently recruiting. For more information call Lad at 585-6032.

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## City prepares for Chicagoween 2001 Spooktacular Fun

Halloween seems like an eternity away, however, the City of Chicago already has many plans underway for many exciting programs during the month of October. "Chicagoween" is a series of events and activities in celebration of Halloween that will take place in neighborhoods, parks libraries, and cultural institutions throughout the city during the month of October.

"Chicago is a great city to visit during the month of October, with so many Halloween activities for all ages to enjoy! Chicagoween is Chicago's answer to safe and memorable Halloween," said Mayor Richard M. Daley. "Cultural institutions, parks, neighborhoods and libraries work together to provide the public with these wonderful activities."

The 5th Annual Pumpkin Plaza featuring the "Haunted Village" returns to thrill youngsters and adults as well! From October 12-31 Daley Plaza becomes "Pumpkin Plaza," with pumpkin decorating, ghost storytellers, fortunetellers, a farmer's market and performances by Midnight Circus.

Pumpkin Plaza hours are: Friday, October 12 5-8 pm; Mondays - Wednesdays 11 am to 3 pm; Thursdays - Sundays 11 am to 8 pm.

Some of the events planned for Chicagoween 2001, include

Old Navy Halloween Happening, the Haunted L, the Hauntings at Navy Pier, and Hallowed Halls.

The Old Navy Halloween Happening, takes place Saturday, October 20 from noon till 2 pm. This unique parade encourages active participation, so everyone will be invited to join the march at certain points along the route. The parade begins at State and Randolph Streets.

The Haunted L, take an unforgettable tour of Chicago's Loop on a special, spooky CTA elevated train while haunting tales of Chicago's history and mystery are spun by costumed characters. Tickets are free and on a first come, first served basis at the Visitor Center inside the Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph Street.

Navy Pier gears up for Halloween with The Hauntings at Navy Pier, October 5 through October 31.

The Cultural Center presents Hallowed Halls, Saturday, October 27, from 10 am to 3 pm. Families in search of free and safe Halloween fun can find it at the Chicago Cultural Center during Hallowed Halls.

Visit our website for more information [www.cityofchicago.org/speialevents](http://www.cityofchicago.org/speialevents).

## Lipinski reassures community

About 40 Garfield-Ridge Civic League members and guests discussed local and national issues at hand directly with U.S. Congressman William O. Lipinski (D-3) at the groups regularly scheduled meeting September 17. Lipinski said, "What we have to do now is bring the country together...I sincerely believe that President Bush is going to go after these terrorists in a way that they have never been gone after before." (photo/caption by Rick Techman)

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## Leaf burning to stop in Worth

Editorial By Frank Soczek

It has come time to say good-bye to long standing autumn tradition.

Leaf burning will soon be no longer allowed in the Village of Worth.

A public meeting was duly held.

Opinions were graciously solicited and considered.

And now, the beleaguered Mayor and Village Council will be required to make a "politically" difficult decision—as are all such decisions where popular expediency clashes with pragmatic sensibility.

It seems people like to breathe.

It's not conjecture or theory.

It's a proven fact.

And most people (with perhaps the exception of tobacco smokers) appear to be of the opinion that clean air is better to breathe than smoke-filled air.

Anyone in disagreement with the latter syllogism need only observe the inordinate increase of respiratory diseases which cause untold suffering to millions of people.

It should not take a

Surgeon General to determine a little child (or adult, for that matter) with respiratory ailments should be denied the opportunity to enjoy the crisp autumn air.

Millions of dollars are spent fighting air pollution on a nation-wide scale.

Vehicles are tested. Factories are monitored. Cigarette smoking has been all but banned from most public buildings.

Yet, at the recent meeting, there were calls for "compromise" on the issue of deliberately polluting the atmosphere.

Is it OK to tolerate "a little pollution?" Perhaps on designated, alternate days? Or evenings?

Maybe someone will explain when it is acceptable for foul the air simply because other means of disposal are considered a major league hassle.

It appears most people have forgotten the scientific fact that decaying leaves provide much needed nourishment for future plant growth.

Walk through any woodland and you will soon

discover nature has a marvelous way of enduring in an exquisite, well balanced cycle of decay and rebirth.

The trees, plants and wildflowers seem to be doing just fine, with nary a rake or gasoline powered leaf-blower in sight.

Clearly, there are answers to what many still perceive as a major problem.

Some suburbs have separate pick-ups for "yard-waste."

Contracting with a waste-hauling service offering such an option would appear to be a win-win answer to the present dilemma.

The cost for the additional labor might be offset by Community Development Block Grant funds, which are available through municipal grant avenues.

## NARFE Chapter 1106 Holds Meeting

NARFE, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will hold their next meeting on Oct. 17, 2001 at 10 a.m. in the Oak Lawn Municipal Building, located at 9446 Raymond Ave, Oak Lawn. NARFE is a non-for-profit organization serving the needs retired federal employees, their spouses, survivors, or current employees who live in the Southwest Chicago area. For more information, please call (708) 458-4990 or Email to jaltar 2000 @ yahoo.com.

George O'Hare, is in his second career. He served as Director of Senior Advocacy for the Illinois Attorney General's Office under Neil Hartigan, and later as the Chief of the Speakers Bureau for Attorney General Roland Burris, after 34 years of dedicated service at Sears Roebuck & Company in the Merchandising and Sales Division. He has his own TV program on Chicago Access Cable Channel 19. Inducted into the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame in 1991, Mr. O'Hare is one of Chicago's most sought after speakers and truly enjoys what he is doing.

## George O'Hare to address Worth Township Senior Citizens

George O'Hare, motivational speaker, will speak before the Worth Township Senior Citizen Organization, Friday, October 5 at 2:00 pm in the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip.

Jean Gergets, coordinator, announced that George, a motivational speaker, will energize, entertain and motivate them.

"Mr. Accentuate the Posi-



John Mantas from Kingsberry Waffle and Pancake House hosted the lunch for St. Al's Seniors Group on September 20. Pictured left to right are guests Senator Patrick O'Malley, Florence Egan, V.P.; Augusta Palm, Treas.; Mary Stephens, Cor. Sec.; Helen O'Hagan, Sec.; Toni Chapman, President; and John Mantas, otherwise known as Jonathan.

## Someone you should know

by Judi Giglio

Every so often we hear of someone who, out of gratitude to his costumers, gives back to the people who helped him. Such a man is Johnathon Mantos.

Johnathon's success started at Johnathon's restaurant in Palos Heights. He then moved to the Indian Trails Shopping Center, now known as the Kingsberry Pancake and Waffle House, located at 127th and Ridgeland in Palos Heights, next to the Dominicks Food Store. He has been in the Palos community for 18 years.

I want to tell you about Johnathon the man, the way that I know him and how so many others that have had the privilege to grace his establishment. Upon entering the restaurant, Johnathon always greets you with a smile and is always grateful for your business. He will try to please you in any way that he can, treating you as a family member.

His cheerful disposition is unwavering, but what most people don't know is how charitable Johnathon is. Twice a year he holds a complimentary lunch for members of the Palos Heights

Senior Citizen Club on July 11th and on September 20th with over 80 people at each luncheon. He is a member of the Palos Heights Chamber of Commerce and sponsors several baseball teams for children and adults. He gives coupons for little league breakfast.

He also helps the Palos Women's Club, donates to local schools, churches and golf outings and various charities.

He will buy a whole table for the poor saying "Give Them a Night Out On Me."

When Johnathon heard of the terrible fire in Oak Forest that left two children motherless, he made a generous donation to help.

I think what most strikes me about Johnathon is the way he helped Laura Cassidy, a policewoman who was left paralyzed from an accident. Johnathon made it well known that she needed help. Flyers were placed in the restaurant and through his effort and others, a fundraiser was held at Bourbon Street for her.

Johnathon is a very thoughtful, loving, and caring man and very loyal to his employees and costumers,

but more than that he is a humanitarian.

Johnathon is married and the proud father of four children. He closes the restaurant at 4:00 pm so he can spend time with his family. When he comes home, his four children run to greet him.

Stop in to see Johnathon at the Kingsberry Pancake and Waffle House for he is someone you really want to know.

## Regional CARE Association

The 6th Annual Regional CAREAids 10k Walk will be held Saturday, October 6 at Lewis University beginning at 10:00 am. Participants may walk individually or as a team with a group of friends or co-workers.

Regional CARE Association is a not for profit agency located in Joliet that provides comprehensive medical and mental health care for people living with HIV and AIDS in Will and adjacent counties.

Walk registration forms can be found at the concerned area businesses or by calling Regional CARE Association at area code 815-722-7000.



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## Cast of Oak Lawn Park District's "Annie" announced

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre recently announced its cast list for their production of the musical "Annie" that is being presented for three weekends in November, the 9th-11th, 15th-17th and the 23rd-25th.

The title role of Annie will be alternated between Jamie Houlihan of Oak Lawn and Michele Vanda of Chicago. In the adult male lead role of Daddy Warbucks is Executive Producer Paul Nirchi of Orland Park.

Gina Gaurino, also of Orland Park, is playing the orphanage owner Miss Hannigan, Angela Mehalek will play Grace and Bridgeview's Greg Trusk will play con man Rooster.

The cast also includes: Justina Kairys, Brianna Smitko, Curtis Fleharty, Cara Fleharty, Sarah Fisher, Caroline Dikselis, Jackie

Dillion, Lisa Dudek, Kate Looby, Lisa Rispoli, Julie Burns, Stephanie Burns, Ellen Carberry, Michaela Christakos, Courtney Daly, Caitlyn Daly, Kelly Ferraro, Julia Gomulka, Elise Harrigan, Sarah Kelly, Nichole Korpitz, Victoria Korpitz, Megan McCauley, Amy Meyer, Liz Nolan, Caitlyn O'Connor, Lauren Polyon, Genevieve Prendergrast, Kristen Suters, Marissa Sutura and Bridget Tracy from Oak Lawn; Gabriella Szewczyk from Palos Hills; Kaylee Murphy, Rachell Scarpino, Catherine Crivellone, Colleen Corcoran and Erin O'Connor of Evergreen Park; Becky and Ray Zygmuntowicz from Chicago Ridge; and Kristina Reyes of Bridgeview.

For more information or tickets call (708) 857-2200.

## Oak Lawn Garden Club holds meeting

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold their October meeting on Thursday, October 25th at 4625 W. 110th Street at 9:15 a.m. The program will be "Herbs From the Garden to Kitchen", presented by Drusillia Banks. Drusillia has a Masters of Science degree in Foods & Nutrition from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

A Literature Exchange will also be featured, so bring your used magazines, books, and catalogs for open exchange during the coffee break.

Hostesses will be Norine Barrette, Marge Repp, and Vhrstine Warzecha. Residents of surrounding communities are welcome as guests. Call (708) 424-4864.



## Oak Lawn firefighters helping the cause

Friendly Oak Lawn firefighter Bill McCoy proudly displays a card with the patriotic slogan "United We Stand." McCoy and his fellow firefighters were passing the boot recently and asking drivers to donate to "The New York Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund." The money raised will benefit the families of emergency workers who gave their lives to save others in New York City and Washington, D.C.



of the proposed townhomes argued the project should be approved, since similar townhomes have been built just down the block.

Trustee Ron Stancik urged Essenfeld to work out a "compromise" that would satisfy both single family homeowners and the individuals who had placed deposits on the ill-fated townhomes.

In other matters, the Board approved a new ordinance authorizing left curve and right curve signs and 10 MPH speed limit signs at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Meade Avenue.

Also, No Parking, Handicapped Loading and Unloading Only signs will be placed on the south side of south 89th Street, between a point 25 feet east of the east right of way line of 53rd Court and a point 60 feet east of the east right of way line of 53rd Court.

The Board approved a unanimous recommendation by the Planning and Development Commission to allow an additional

"outlot" to be included in the proposed site plan of a Home Depot at the northwest corner of 95th Street and Pulaski Road.

The latter request would add a second "outlot" with an area of approximately .66 acres to the existing development site, which has already received a 28% parking variation.

No tenant has been named for the additional property at this time.

Previously, the Board announced plans were well underway for the Home Depot project, despite the fact essential land for the development had not actually been acquired from the existing Jack Thompson Oldsmobile dealership.



## Fox Woods rezoning denied again

By Frank Sozcek

Oak Lawn Board of Trustees Meeting Oct. 9th

The Oak Lawn Board of Trustees affirmed a denial by the Planning and Development Commission for a property rezoning in the Fox Woods subdivision at 115th and Central.

The request involved consolidation of lots 18 and 19 located at 11405 and 11409 Foxwoods Drive (zoned single family) into one three unit townhome.

The petitioner, Irwin Essenfeld, who represents Dremco, Inc., had sought to revise the development configuration in order to address what he termed

"changes in the market."

Included in the petition was a request to vacate a public utility and drainage easement located in the adjoining side yards of the latter properties.

The original plans, approved by the Board in April, 1997, included 27 single family homes, 31 units in 9 townhouses, a 16 unit condominium and four 32 unit condominiums.

Numerous changes have been approved subsequent the initial proposal.

The Planning and Development Commission unanimously denied the request at a public meeting held September 17th.

One neighbor expressed disdain at the prospect of "spending over \$300,000

(on a single family home) to look out the window at a townhouse."

According to Essenfeld, two single family homes would sell for approximately \$310,000 each, while the 3 townhomes (two at \$225,000 and one at \$235,000) would total \$685,000.

Several nearby property owners protested what they felt would be a decrease in property values (of their single family homes) should townhomes be allowed.

Essenfeld explained the property values would not be adversely effected, since the last two real estate closings amounted to \$354,000 and \$347,000 respectively.

Essenfeld further stressed the decision was "not done for economics," but rather to accommodate home purchasers.

It was noted the townhomes in question were prematurely "sold" by Dremco, with a contingency clause negating the contract should final approval be denied.

Planning and Development Commission member J.Q. Mucker stated "they sold a concept and they have an obligation to complete it."

Mucker, however, failed to mention the numerous "changes" previously accepted by the Commission and ultimately the Board of Trustees.

An Oak Lawn resident who placed a deposit on one





Left to right is Annette Dixon and Mary Lou Gorka, residents of Oak Lawn and members of the Southside Italian American Womens Club.

By Annette Dixon

I was very impressed by Special Agent Richard G. Starmann of the United States Secret Service. As a guest speaker for the National Federal Employee Union, Starmann spoke very eloquently about the various services that the secret service supplies. Richard is the grandson of the Starmanns of Evergreen Park.

Much applause goes to Therese Lenz-Zang who did a fabulous job conducting the orchestra and playing piano in "Broadway Style, The Top Hat Musical Revue" at the Beverly Art Center. A former resident of Oak Lawn, Therese is a graduate of Mother McAuley, the

Sherwood School of Music and Roosevelt University. I was also knocked out by showstopper Karen Vandeveld singing the difficult to sing Sondheim song "Ladies who Lunch." Though it was nice to see everyone in the show giving 110%.

October 8th was a great day for the Italian Americans celebrating Columbus Day.

It started with a solemn high Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii at Lexington and Racine, Frank Manna, band director of Marist brought the full marching band for the procession leading the Knights of Columbus to Arrigo Park after the Mass for the laying of the wreath. It's a must to

see the huge Columbus Statue at Arrigo Park on Lexington and Loomis.

At 12:45 the kick off to the parade started at Balbo to Monroe with the first float of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans with the Statue of Liberty and yours truly, along with Mary Lou Gorka and two members of

the women's club of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans.

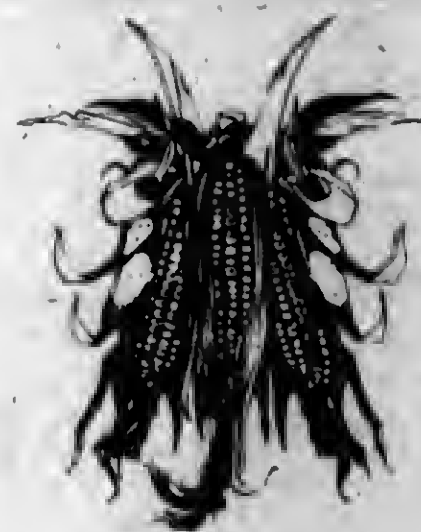
As a teenager growing up in Evergreen Park, Roseangelo's Pizza, west of California on 95th Street was the place to be.

On October 10, Roseangelo's Pizza-Restaurant had its grand opening

with crowds waiting for over four hours to celebrate with their friends this wonderful event.

Jack Pesce, owner of Roseangelo's Pizza is proud to show off his new restaurant.

Congratulations to a fine person on the new restaurant and pizza parlor.



Jack Pesce, owner of Roseangelo's Pizza and Restaurant takes a few seconds to smile for a picture on Wednesday, October 8th, Opening Night.

## Today's USO after ten years

By Rick Techman

More than 100 armed U.S. Army military police patrol the Midway Airport terminal and sensitive buildings on the airport grounds alongside Chicago Police officers and private airport security personnel to prevent breaches of air travel safety here since the September 11 tragedies. But, unlike the CPD and private guards, not all of the military police are from the immediate area.

In fact, many of these M.P.'s are far from home. While their service, for an unknown length of time, will be right here on Midway Airport, they can't go "home" after work each day. Active duty personnel from the Navy, Air Force, Marines and those from Army units not assigned to Midway also pass through this airport far from home while seeking connecting flights to new duty assignments.

Since 1991 there has been a well-known organization on Midway Airport, currently housed in the old tower building

in the "B" concourse, that allows all of these troops, as well as military families, a home away from home where snacks, rest, and television entertainment can be had during breaks between duty assignments. This group also allows for citizens from the south-west side to support the troops with contributions.

This group, of course, is the Midway-United Service Organization or USO. The Midway USO opened in August, 1991 through the efforts of Village View Publisher Annette Dixon who, with the support of other business and community leaders, circulated a petition for the formation of this site getting more than 900 signatures of people in favor of the plan. The petition reached the Chicago City Council and it granted permission for the USO to open a site at Midway Airport.

Though the original opening of the Midway-USO coincides with the previous middle-eastern conflict, Desert Storm,

Annette Dixon explained the USO was long overdue and the conflict was only a part of the whole reason why this USO site was approved. Other USO proponents who helped in the formation of the Midway station include, but are not limited to, William Simpson and Gentre Vartan.

The USO of Illinois has three other locations besides the Midway site. These three locations, all in the Chicago Area, are as follows: Main Office, 200 N. Michigan; Great Lakes Naval Training Station and O'Hare Airport. The mission statement, as released by the main office, is this: "The Mission of the USO of Illinois, in times of peace and war, is to enhance the quality of life of the men and women of the armed forces and their families through the social, spiritual, recreational, and entertainment services."

The USO is a private, not-for-profit organization that relies entirely on community donations and volunteers to stay open. The USO was chartered

by the U.S. Congress in 1941 as a not-for-profit, charitable corporation and receives no direct funding from any level of government. Each U.S. President has been the Honorary Chairman of the USO since its inception.

### John Evers performs for AARP

Bridgeview's John Evers, an actor since the age of 18, recently performed for the AARP in Tinley Park. Evers also holds drama workshops for churches and youth groups.

Evers stumbled into comedy while visiting a website, where he learned he was to be a feature act. Although a veteran to the stage, he was new to comedy. With just a few days to prepare, he began to work on material, and performed the show.

Evers brings his wit and humor to the stage, with a message of encouragement, hope, and joy. He can be reached by e-mailing him at actingupwithje@juno.com.

contact Mary Sulavan at (708)532-9096.

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New staff members start this year at St. Rita: Front Row: Br. Gary Hresil, OSA, Fr. Ed Andrews, OSA, Fr. Phillip Cook, OSA. Second Row: Robert Quinn, Jessica Carpenter, Sr. Mary Alice Hoff, OP, Sr. Pamela Kobasic, IHM, Luke Mertens, Katie Norris, Bernard Dalcamo, Peggy McCarthy

## St. Rita welcomes new faculty members

St. Rita High School recently welcomed twelve new members to the faculty and staff for the 2001-2002 school year.

Fr. Ed Andrews used to teach at St. Rita from 1960-1967 and from 1991-1999. This year he's returning as a guidance counselor.

Jessica Carpenter comes to St. Rita from Madonna High School. Miss Carpenter will be teaching French and also be the Moderator for the school newspaper "The Ritan."

Fr. Phillip Cook will be teaching Theology and Latin. Fr. Cook has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Villanova and a Master of Divinity Degree from The Catholic Theological Union at Chicago.

The new Geometry Honors/Algebra II teacher/Hockey Moderator is no stranger to St. Rita. Fr. Robert Danber, OSA was principal from 1989-1993.

Sr. Mary Alice Hoff is also returning to St. Rita as a Guidance Counselor after taking a two-year leave of absence to get a Masters Degree in Guidance from Lewis University.

Brother Gary Hresil, OSA, a 1986 graduate of St. Rita is the new Campus Minister. Gary will also be teaching Theology and be moderator of the marching band.

Sr. Pamela Kobasic, IHM, will be teaching English, Reading and will be Chess Club Moderator.

Other recent additions include: Luke Mertens, the new

football coach who'll be teaching History and English; Kathleen Norris who'll be teaching Algebra and Geometry and will be the moderator for the bowling team; Bernard Dalcamo, new to the Office of Development; Peggy McCarthy, the new Tuition and Transportation Director; and Robert Quinn an Assistant Recruiter in the Office of Development.

## Evergreen Park's village pantry has food drive

The Village Pantry Coalition in Evergreen Park will hold a Food Drive during October and November.

The Pantry is in need of pasta, pasta sauces, canned fruits and veggies, canned meats and fish, coffee, sugar, cake mixes, cereal, soap, and paper products.

As The Pantry is stocked with non-perishable items, monetary donations are always welcome. This enables us to assist clients in obtaining perishable items such as milk, eggs, bread, etc.

The Pantry accepts donations at 3450 W. 97th Street. It was formed in 1982 to help provide emergency food to Evergreen Park residents experiencing financial problems due to unemployment, illness, etc. Call 708/422-8776 for more information.

## Evergreen Park seniors

Celebrate and welcome in the new year in the Crystal Ballroom of the Martinique with the group from OCS.

This special celebration is Monday, December 31 from noon to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$45 each and are available at the Evergreen Park Office of Citizen's Services, 3450 W. 97th St.

For more information call (708) 422 8776.

## Evergreen Park seniors celebrate Oktoberfest

The Senior Citizens' council of Evergreen Park will host their Oktoberfest luncheon on Halloween, Wednesday, October 31, in the Auditorium of the H.B. Maher Community Center at noon.

Menu items include Brats, German potato salad, homemade sauerkraut, dessert and beverage. Tickets are five dollars and are available at the Office of Citizen's Services, 3450 W. 97th St. in Evergreen Park.

There will also be an Estee Lauder presentation and samples following the luncheon.

For more information call (708) 422 8776.

## Providence-St. Mel says despite tragedy, the "celebration" must go on

Young people have a way of putting things in perspective, even when those things are more than most adults can comprehend, such as the horrific sights and lasting ramifications of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and The Pentagon.

Such was the case for the tight "family" of staff, students and parents who together have made Providence-St. Mel School, 119 S. Central Park in Chicago's near west Garfield park neighborhood, a model for private African American College Prep (K-12) schools.

In light of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington D.C., the administrators and staff had considered postponing or canceling the school's annual "Celebration!" event, scheduled for Wednesday, October 24 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

After speaking to many different staff, students and family members, Principal Jeanette DiBella and school Founder/President Paul Adams concluded that the best way to honor the victims of these mindless acts would be to proceed with Providence-St. Mel's planned event.

"One of our students gave me a note that said that while we have lost many people to the terrorist acts, we have also gained many angels," said Paul Adams. "That kind of thinking is what will get our school, and this nation through this time of unprecedented turmoil."

Students have always taken center stage at Providence-St. Mel's annual "Celebration!" event, which has traditionally featured a wide range of their original poems, writings and inspirational songs about how being at Providence St. Mel enables them to "Work, Plan, Build and Dream". This year's event promises to be a highly emotional and uplifting evening of celebrating everything that we are grateful for in America.

For more information about attending or sponsoring a table at the event, please contact Paul Adams at 773/722-4600 ex. 1011. Please visit the school's website at [www.psm.k12.il.us](http://www.psm.k12.il.us) to learn more about the school's outstanding staff, students and programs.

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## Medicare endorsed prescription drug program lowers out of pocket expenses

A new Medicare-endorsed prescription drug discount program will help Medicare beneficiaries lower their out of pocket drug costs. This plan provides immediate help to people with Medicare by providing discounts on drugs while Congress and the Administration work to design and implement Medicare coverage for prescription drugs.

Discount cards are expected to save some 10-25% on prescription drug prices. Medicare serves about 40 million beneficiaries, and an estimated ten million of them do not have prescription drug coverage in addition to their Medicare coverage.

Under the Medicare-Endorsed Rx Discount Program, people with Medicare will have the opportunity to learn about and join existing prescription drug discount card organizations. In turn, with larger memberships, the discount card organizations

will be able to secure discounts and negotiate significant rebate from drug manufacturers, just as large insurance plans do.

By giving people with Medicare easier access to information about the available discount card programs and the discounts they can get, they will have the opportunity to choose the card that best fits their prescription drug needs. A central feature of the Medicare Rx Discount Card Program will be the publication of comparative information, including drug prices available under each individual program.

This program will give people with Medicare the same tools that others are already using to lower their prescription drug costs. It is a constructive step that will give immediate relief to those who need it most, as Congress and the Administration work to add a drug benefit to Medicare.

## Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirity  
kathywhirity@mymailstation.com



There seem to be a lot of comparisons lately to the attack on Pearl Harbor that took America by devastating surprise, December of 1941, and the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center.

Both were unprovoked acts of murder, both caused by suicide bombers—each brutal, heinous acts that gave America reasons to declare war. But there are differences. Seventy years ago we knew who and where the enemy was. The bombing of Pearl Harbor by Japanese kamikaze pilots signaled the start of World War II.

This time around the heart of New York City was targeted by suicide terrorists who hijacked commercial airliners and used them as missiles, killing thousands of innocent civilians.

Almost immediately the face of a new hero emerged, on the homefront, as firemen erected the American flag amidst the rubble in New York—a place that now looks more like Beirut than the thriving metropolis it is.

Terrorists have brought war to our front door, and it is the courage of the firemen and policemen who are on the front lines, tirelessly digging New York out of the devastation.

As America braces itself for a war on terrorism my thought are of our soldiers being deployed to unknown places in the Middle East, heading off a whole different war than our grandparents' fought.

At first glance, it would seem that the soldiers of '01 are different from the troops of '41. For us baby boomers any John Wayne depictions of World War II were seen through the eyes of our fathers, in memories they shared across the

kitchen table. The difference today is that the soldiers dressed in camouflage are our sons and daughters.

Bill Suchinski is one such new kid on the military block. He is part of a new generation of servicemen that will redefine the way future world conflicts will be handled.

His mother has been my closest friend for over 30 years. I was there when he was born, baby-sat him on occasion, and, through the years, watched him grow in to a man. Home on leave recently, he stopped by for a visit before being shipped out to an undisclosed location. He is a Navy Sea-Bec, strong, silent, and dedicated.

I can still make him laugh over a yesterday memory when we stood on a corner trying to shoo away a nasty little dog who caused me-the baby-sitter-and 4 kids to clutch together in fear, at the mercy of a miniature Cujo. Bill, as he was called then, was about 11 years old. Petty Officer William Suchinski recently turned 22. He has been in the military since October 29, 1997.

I couldn't help but ask him a few questions that I'd wondered about, and though he is a young man of few words, he did put a face to the ideals of a GI in the 21st Century.

I asked him what was his motivation to join the service in this day and age. The answer was simple: Considering himself a descendent of a military family, he felt the duty to fulfill an obligation, to do what his dad before him had done, to proudly serve his country.

I asked him if he had the choice, would he do it over again, especially in light of recent events. His answer was a definite "yes".

Not surprising, when asked who he counts among his heroes, it is his Dad who ranks #1. A loving tribute to a father who has ample reasons to be proud of his son: he's young, with high ideals, and a refreshing confidence that reflects his loyalty to this great nation of ours.

In the days and weeks ahead I hope all of us will keep our servicemen and women in our prayers. They deserve our support, now and always. They are ready, willing, and able to fight for this country they so dearly love.

Let's applaud their bravery and dedication.

Preview  
of Fall

### Marist High School News

The following Marist students were named National Merit Semi-Finalists:

Brian Berry (Chicago), Phil Nicholas (Palos), Dirk

Olson (Orland Park) and Erik Powers (Evergreen Park).

The National Merit Scholarship Program recognizes the top PSAT/NMSQT high school junior test takers from across the country. Congratulations to these fine Marist students.

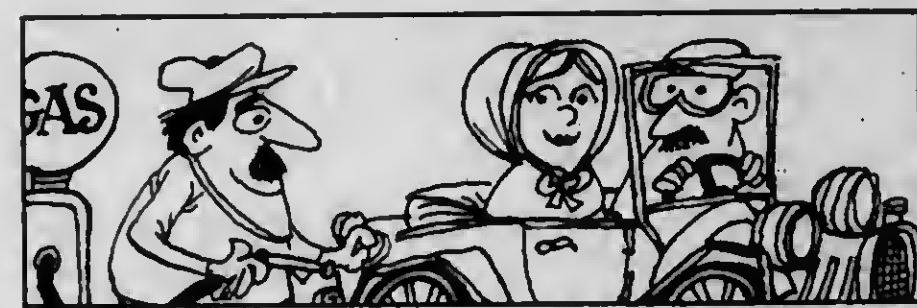
Marist student Joshua Gunther of Alsip recently attained the high honors of Eagle Scout. Congratulations Joshua on this high honor.

### Little Company Women's Wellness Event addresses cancer

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers invites women in the community to a special Saturday morning health screening and lecture. The Women's Wellness Event will take place at the Hospital, 2800 W. 95th Street in Evergreen Park, Saturday, November 3 from 7:30 to 11:30 am.

Philip Hoffman, M.D., Co-Medical Director of The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, will answer the question: "What is New About the Diagnosis and Treatment of Cancer?" Participants also will take part in a screening which includes cholesterol levels and complete blood count, colon rectal cancer detection kit, blood oxygen levels (oximetry) and blood pressure. The morning also offers a nutritious breakfast.

There is a \$45 fee for the morning, which includes all test fees, otherwise valued at \$350. Space is limited, and reservations are required by October 26. Please call 708-423-5774 for reservations or information.



The first automobile service station opened on December 1, 1913 in Pittsburgh, PA. It sold thirty gallons of gas the first day.

## Answers to some questions about Social Security

Rosalie Thompson, Social Security District Manager, answers common questions regarding social security benefits:

Q: How many credits do I need to receive retirement benefits?

A: Those born after 1929 need at least 40 credits to be eligible. Since you earn a maximum of 4 credits per year, you need to work at least 10 years to become eligible for benefits.

Q: When my mother died, my father received the \$255 death benefit. When he died, I was told I could not get the death payment. Why not?

A: A lump-sum death benefit of \$255 may be

paid on death of a person who worked long enough to be insured under the Social Security Program. The lump-sum benefit can be paid upon death of the insured person even if they were not receiving retirement or disability benefits at the time of death.

This payment is limited to a spouse who was living with the worker at the time of death or to a spouse or child who, in the month of the death, is eligible for a Social Security benefit based on the worker's record. If no spouse or child meeting these requirements exists, then the lump sum death payment will not be paid.



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## Celebrate the Fall season with a sensational meal



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### SALT ENCRUSTED RIBEYE ROAST

Total preparation and cooking time: 2 to 2 1/2 hours

4 to 6 lb. well trimmed beef ribeye roast, small end  
1 Tbl. vegetable oil  
2 to 3 Tsp. cracked black pepper

SaltCrust  
1 box(3lbs.) coarse kosher salt  
1-1/4 cups water

1. Heat oven to 425°. Line shallow roasting pan with heavy duty aluminum foil. Combine salt crust ingredients; mix well(mixture may appear dry but do not add additional water). In roasting pan, pat 1 1/2 cups salt mixture into a rectangular shape approx. 1/2 to 1 in larger than

the size of the beef roast.

2. Brush roast with oil; press pepper evenly into surface. Insert ovenproof meat thermometer into thickest part of the roast, not resting in fat; center roast on salt layer. starting at base of roast, pack remaining salt mixture onto sides and top of roast to encase roast in salt.

3. Do not add water or cover pan. Roast 425° oven approx. 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 hours for medium rare; 1 3/4 to 2 hrs. for medium doneness. Remove from oven when meat thermometer registers 130°F for medium rare; 145°F for medium. Remove pan with roast to cooling rack; let stand 10 to 15 min.

4. Remove and discard salt crust from roast, brushing off any remaining salt. Carve roast into 1/2 inch thick slices.

### BURGUNDY BEEF & VEGETABLE STEW

Total preparation and cooking time: 2 1/2 hours

1 1/2 lbs. beef eye round, cut into 1 1/2 in. pieces  
1 Tbl. vegetable oil  
1 Tsp. dried thyme leaves  
1/2 Tsp. salt  
1/2 Tsp. pepper  
1 can(13oz.) ready-to-serve beef broth  
1/2 cup Burgundy wine  
3 lg. cloves garlic, crushed  
1 1/2 cups baby carrots  
1 cup frozen whole pearl onions  
2 Tbl. cornstarch dissolved in 2tbl. water  
1 pkg frozen sugar snap peas

1. In Dutch oven, heat oil over medium high heat until hot. Add beef (half at a time) and brown evenly, stirring

occasionally. Pour off drippings. Season with Thyme, salt and pepper. Stir in broth, wine and garlic. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low. Cover tightly and simmer 1 1/2 hrs.

2. Add carrots and onions, cover and cook 35 to 40 minutes or until beef and vegetables are tender.

3. Stir in cornstarch mixture. Bring to a boil; cook and stir 1 minute. Stir in sugar snap peas. Reduce heat to medium; cook 3 to 4 minutes or until peas are heated through.

Pizza, chili, soup, sandwich platters, lasagna and other variations are great for the party line-up. Cooks will want to bring out their favorite crowd pleasers or prepare one or more of these unbeatable recipes.

## Oyster lovers take heed

Oyster lovers will think they have entered Nirvana when they attend the annual "Royster with the Oyster" festival slated to run at Shaws Crab house, 21 E. Hubbard St. in Chicago, from October 15th through the 19th.

It's a Chicago tradition with week long special oyster centered activities like 6 oysters on the half shell for \$5.50 in the Blue Crab Lounge each night during the festival or daily oyster slurping contests at 6 p.m. each

night with winners announced FRIDAY night. That person will win a free trip to New Orleans courtesy of McInhenny Co., makers of Tabasco.

On October 15, a Goose Island beer dinner will take place including reception and entertainment for \$65 per person with all kinds of oyster treats including chowder and deep fried oysters.

On October 16, a tasting with oyster friendly wines takes place for \$20 per per-

son. A Winemaker dinner is slated for October 17th and on the 18th you can stop by Shaw's Blue Crab Lounge for a complimentary sampling of oysters between 3 and 5 p.m.

The huge tent party on October 19th from 2-10 p.m. culminates the events at Clark and Kinzie St. with funky entertainment, food, beer and wines. A cover of \$5 will be charged. Call (312) 527-2722 for more information.

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## Kraft Halloween Rice intro

The relentless howls and banging noises could be heard through every hall. There was no question about it: the house was haunted by hungry kids, and Mom's time was running out. New KRAFT MINUTE Halloween rice to the rescue!

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Moms can request a free copy of "Feed Your Monsters In Minutes" booklet by calling toll-free at 1-866-MIN-RICE, or email your full

mailing address to [monsters@bsmg.com](mailto:monsters@bsmg.com). For more Halloween recipe ideas, visit [www.kraftfoods.com](http://www.kraftfoods.com).

### PIZZA APPETIZER

1 can Refrigerated Pizza Crust  
10 lg. fresh basil leaves  
1/2 cup Ragu Pizza Quick Sauce  
1/2 cup chopped Hormel Pepperoni Slices  
1/4 cup chopped ripe olives  
1 cup Sargento Italian Shredded Cheese

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Grease large cookie sheet.

2. Unroll dough; press into a 10 x 12 in. rectangle. Arrange basil leaves over dough to within 1/2 in. of edge on 12 inch side. combine pizza sauce, pepperoni and olives; spoon on and then spread over basil. Sprinkle with cheese evenly over sauce mixture; patting lightly.

3. Starting on the 12 inch side, roll up dough tightly, jelly roll fashion. Using a sharp serrated knife, cut roll crosswise into 3/4 inch slices; arrange on cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand 5 minutes.

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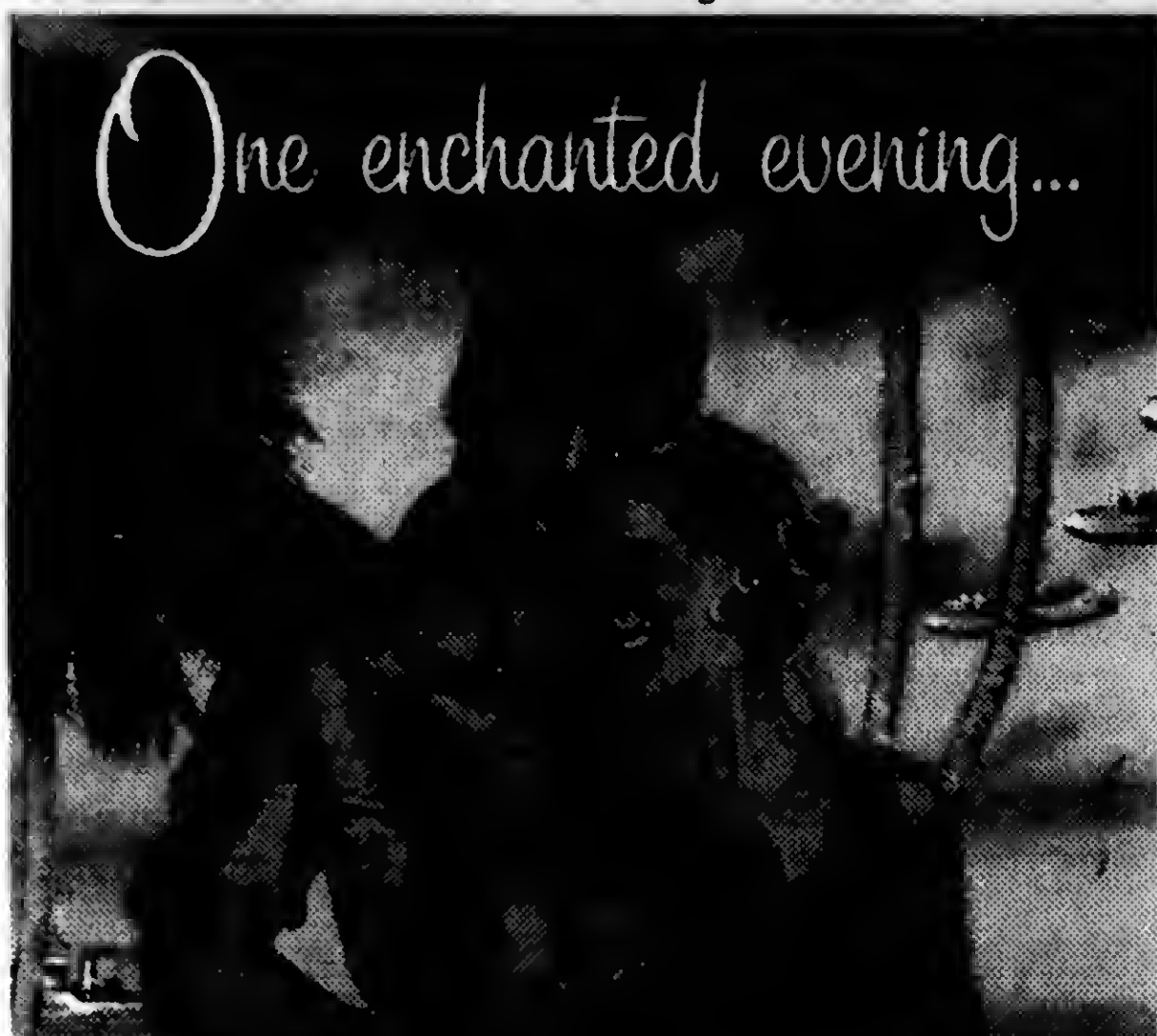
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## Martinez named head of Paramount Arts Centre

The Aurora Civic Center Authority has named a new executive director after an extensive search. Diana Martinez, formerly the Director of Entertainment for the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL., was chosen for her experience and knowledge of the theater industry.

Diana has worked at the Pheasant Run resort for the past 13 years. She has experience directing, producing, booking and marketing shows. She was directly responsible for the development, production, marketing operations and management for the Dinner Theatre, Children's Theatre, Mega center Touring Events, and Special Events for the Pheasant Run Resort.

Ms. Martinez will begin her new career with the Paramount Arts Centre on October 8. She plans on booking more shows and developing community programs for children and adults. She will begin her focus on expanding what the Paramount currently offers.

When cats eat they always immediately bathe themselves. They do it to erase the food scent so predators will not smell food and come after them.

## "Taste of St. Louis"

St. Louis De Montfort Parish in Oak Lawn will host their Annual Foodfest "Taste of St. Louis" on Sunday, November 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 8808 S. Ridgeland.


The fest will feature square dancing, western line dancing, a giant raffle and over \$3,000 in prizes, as well as homemade Polish, Italian, and American food. Admission is free.

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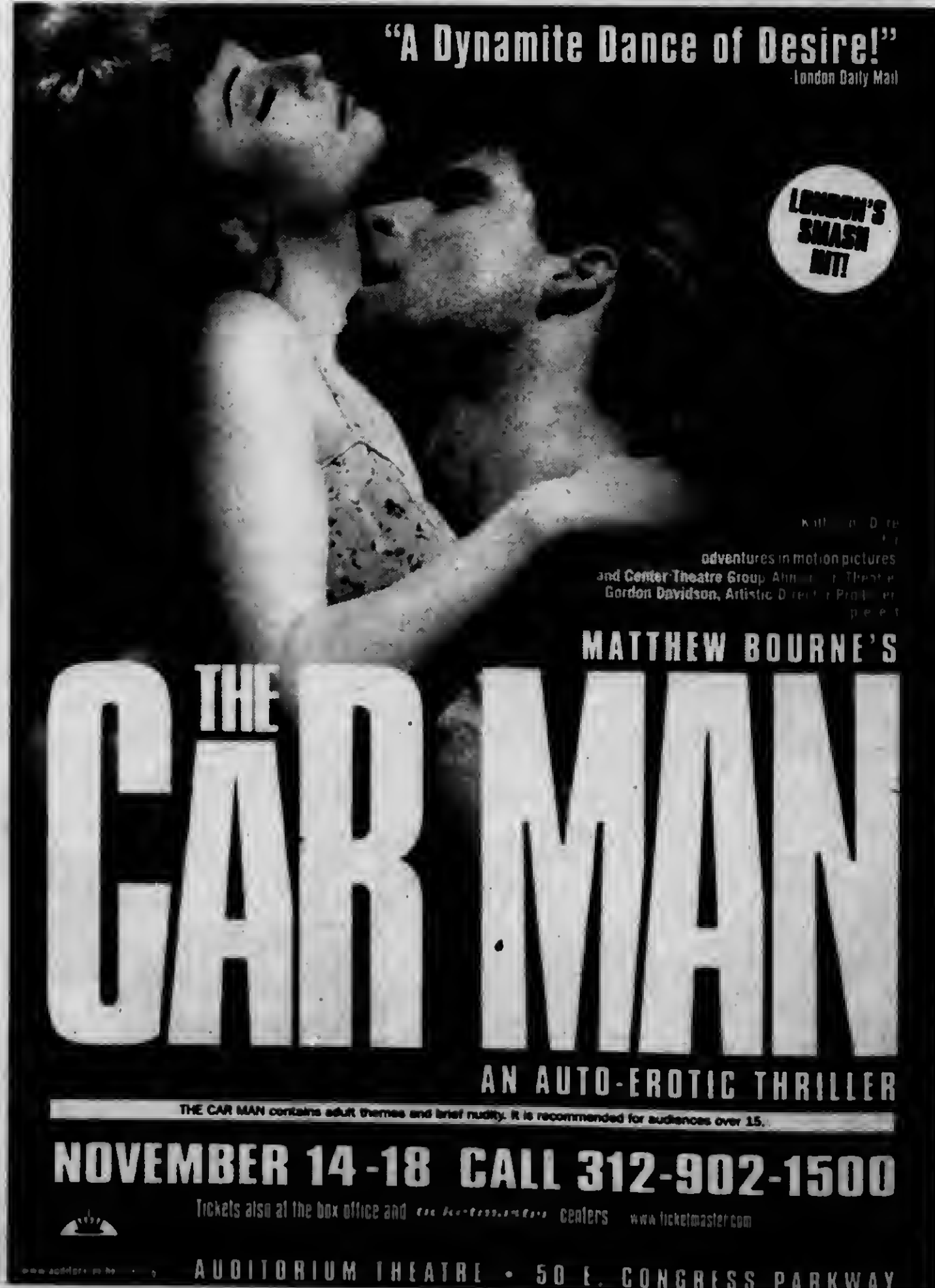
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# Van Gogh, Gauguin: Exhibition of two artists intertwined in time

By Joyce Macey

"Impressionism strives for a deeper resemblance than the photographer's" Vincent Van Gogh said to his sister in June of 1888.

"I have two nature's, the savage and the tender-hearted," said Paul Gauguin to his wife in January of 1888. He later left her with six of his children in the Netherlands when he left for Tahiti to seek whatever he was searching for.

The public can view of 135 works for both artists from 63 public and private collections around the world. The project continues at the Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave. until January 13. It occupies the entire second floor of the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice building.

Van Gogh and Gauguin: The Studio of the South was organized by the Art Institute

and the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam.

The art literally takes your breath away as you are intrigued by the friendship of the two artists that you can see progress as you walk through the exhibition.

"Starry Night" is of particular interest as one wonders what Van Gogh was thinking as he painted a portion of the vast universe.

The two artists did many paintings at their encounter in Arles, France including painting on a coarse jute they purchased locally. The jute technique still continues to intrigue and fascinate.

Van Gogh sent 900 letters to Gauguin, his soulmate, some up to 10 pages in length, while Gauguin's return correspondence was much smaller.

We owe a great deal, es-

pecially to Van Gogh, who besides his art, was determined to commit to words his most private feelings. Both artists convey rare opportunities to write about where there is an abundance of myth about both men.

The 2 months they spent together are the most mysterious. Many things occurred there which will never be known, perhaps the emergence of modern art. The connection they made with each other illuminates how important communication and collaboration is to success.

Both artists were critical of how each of them articulated their art. But each helped each other shape their artistic identities. No one knows when they painted together. They met in 1887 and Van Gogh died in 1890. Each was

a stimulus when they lived in Arles, France for 9 weeks.

The artists both took to art late in life because both had failed at other careers.

Call the Art Institute at (312) 443-3600 for information about hours and ticket prices.

## Feeney to speak at Hickory Hills Club

Kim Feeney, CFO with the Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas, will speak to the Hickory Hills Women's Club Wednesday, October 24, following a 7 p.m. dinner at Mama Luigis at 7500 S. Harlem Avenue.

Diane Miller, coordinator, announced that Ms. Feeney will explain the workings of the treasurer's office.

Ms. Feeney stated she has overseen a dramatic transformation of the Cook County policies on revenue collec-

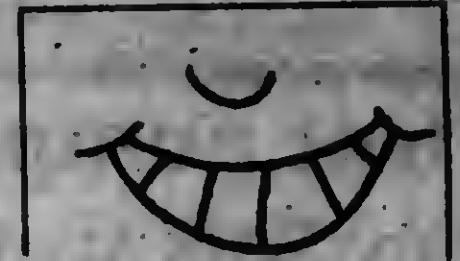
tion, tax distribution and investment of public funds, resulting in an increase in interest earnings.

Ms. Feeney received her bachelor of science degree from the University of Illinois, studied accounting at DePaul University, and is completing her masters of business administration at Loyola University.

## Adoption information seminar in Hinsdale

Family Resource Center is presenting a free program, "Adoption Information Seminar" on Saturday, November 3 at Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S. Garfield. The seminar is free and everyone is warmly welcome.

"Adopting from Poland" will be presented from 1-2:45 p.m. and again at 3-4:45 p.m.



Lucy Hobbs Taylor was the first American woman to receive a degree in dentistry. She practiced from 1867 to 1907.

with Mimi Huminski, president of Huminska's Anioly, providing information on the process of adoption from Poland.

"Adopting from China" will be presented by Richard Pearlman, Executive Director of Family Resource center, from 1-2:45 p.m. Pearlman has 20 years of experience in the field of adoption and has traveled to China with adopting families 6 times.

Pearlman will also present "Domestic Adoption" from 3-4:45 p.m.

The seminar is free, and anyone interested in learning more about adoption is invited. Registration is requested. Please call Angela Bartle at (800)676-2229.

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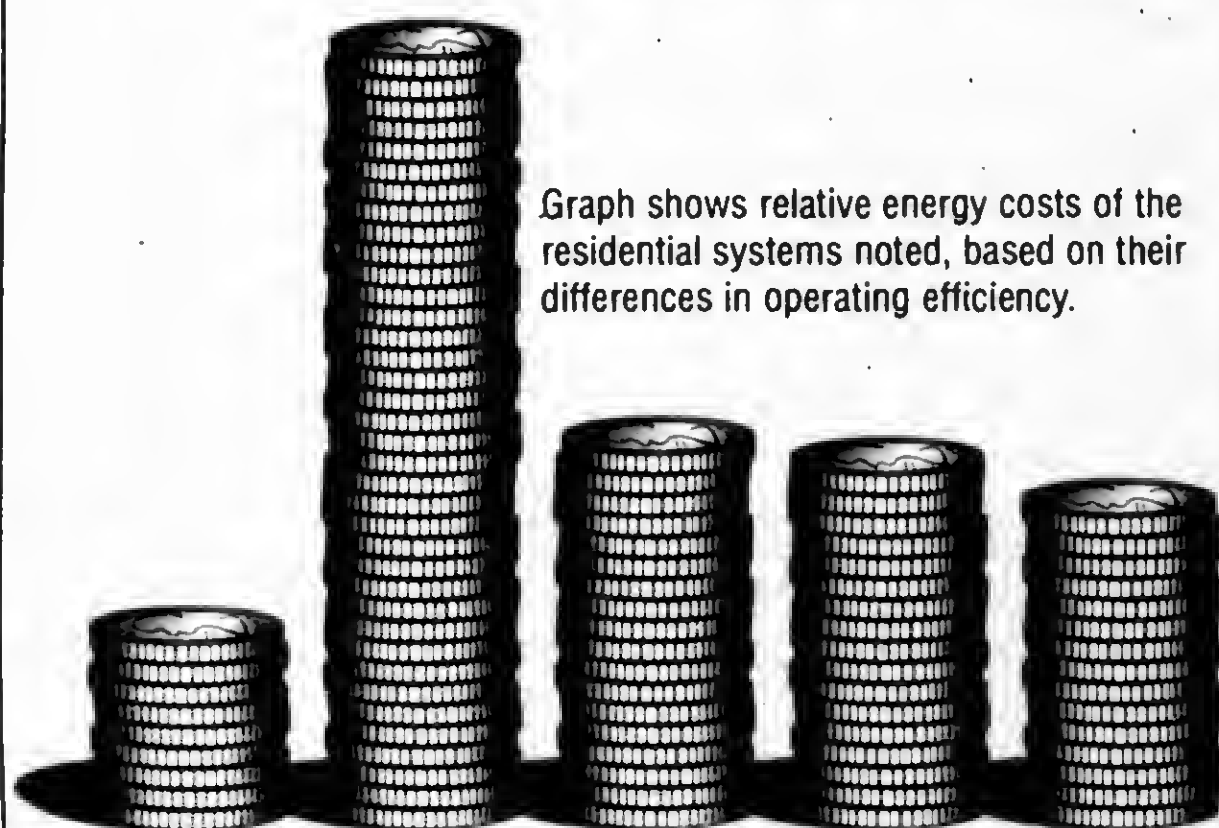
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Geexchange Heating and Cooling Systems: Fascinating Facts — Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium, Washington, D.C.

## Opera lecture

The Oak Lawn Public Library at 5300 W. 95th Street will host a free lecture on the opera "I Capuleti e i Montecchi" on Sunday, October 28 at 2 p.m. in the lower level meeting room.

At this informative session, a member of the Lyric Opera of Chicago Lecture Corps will describe the plot, give background on the composer, Vincenzo Bellini, and play musical selections. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

A complete schedule of opera lectures is available at the library's Community Information Center on the first floor or on the web site at [www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

## Sertoma offers free screenings

The Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center offers free speech and hearing screenings to the community. Free Hearing Screenings are offered the first Monday of each month, by appointments, for anyone age 21 and over. Free Speech screenings are offered weekly, by appointment, for anyone aged 3 and over. For a limited time, Sertoma is also offering digital hearing aid demonstrations.

These free services are offered at the center's two locations, at 10409 S. Roberts Road in Palos Hills and at 18141 Dixie Highway in Homewood. Those interested should contact the Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center at 708/59909500 to make an appointment.

## Art historian previews Van Gogh/Gauguin at the Oak Lawn Library

Preview the Van Gogh and Gauguin exhibit now showing at the Art Institute of Chicago at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24 at the Oak Lawn Public Library at 5300 W. 95th Street. Admission is free. First-come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room.

Jeff Mishur, art historian, will present an interactive slide show and lecture examining the works that these artists created during the brief period when they lived together in Van Gogh's house in Arles, which was considered to be the height of the careers of both of the artists. Mishur is an art professor at Lewis University in Romeoville and owner of Art Excursions, a Chicago-based lecture and tour business.

Please call 708/422-4990 for more information.

## Considering a geexchange system? Here are some tips on finding an installer

Installing a geexchange system isn't very complicated, but neither is it a do-it-yourself job. A qualified installer will size a system to suit your site and needs, taking into account your home and its location.

The Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium (GHPC), a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., offers these guidelines:

**Go with a pro.** Make sure the installer follows the procedures established by the International Ground Source Heat Pump Association (IGSHPA).

If your telephone directory does not list geexchange system contractors, visit the Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium web site at <http://www.geoexchange.org>, or call them at 1-888-333-4472 or for a list of contractors in your area.

**Check training credentials.** Installers should be accredited by IGSHPA or show equivalent training by geexchange manufacturers or

other acknowledged authorities at recognized institutions.

**Ask for references.** Ask for the names of some of their homeowner customers. Visit or call these references to check customer satisfaction firsthand.

**Expect a home evaluation.** A good contractor should examine your home to make the best recommendation for you. He or she should check ducts, insulation and other features for energy efficiency.

**Get several cost estimates.** Talk to at least two or three contractors. Get a cost estimate in writing. Ask for a breakdown between labor and equipment costs. Be sure you are comparing "apples to apples."

**Get a guarantee.** Ask for a guarantee, in writing, on the installation work as well as on the equipment itself.

**Insist on a written contract.** Be sure to include all terms, including costs and start-stop dates. ○



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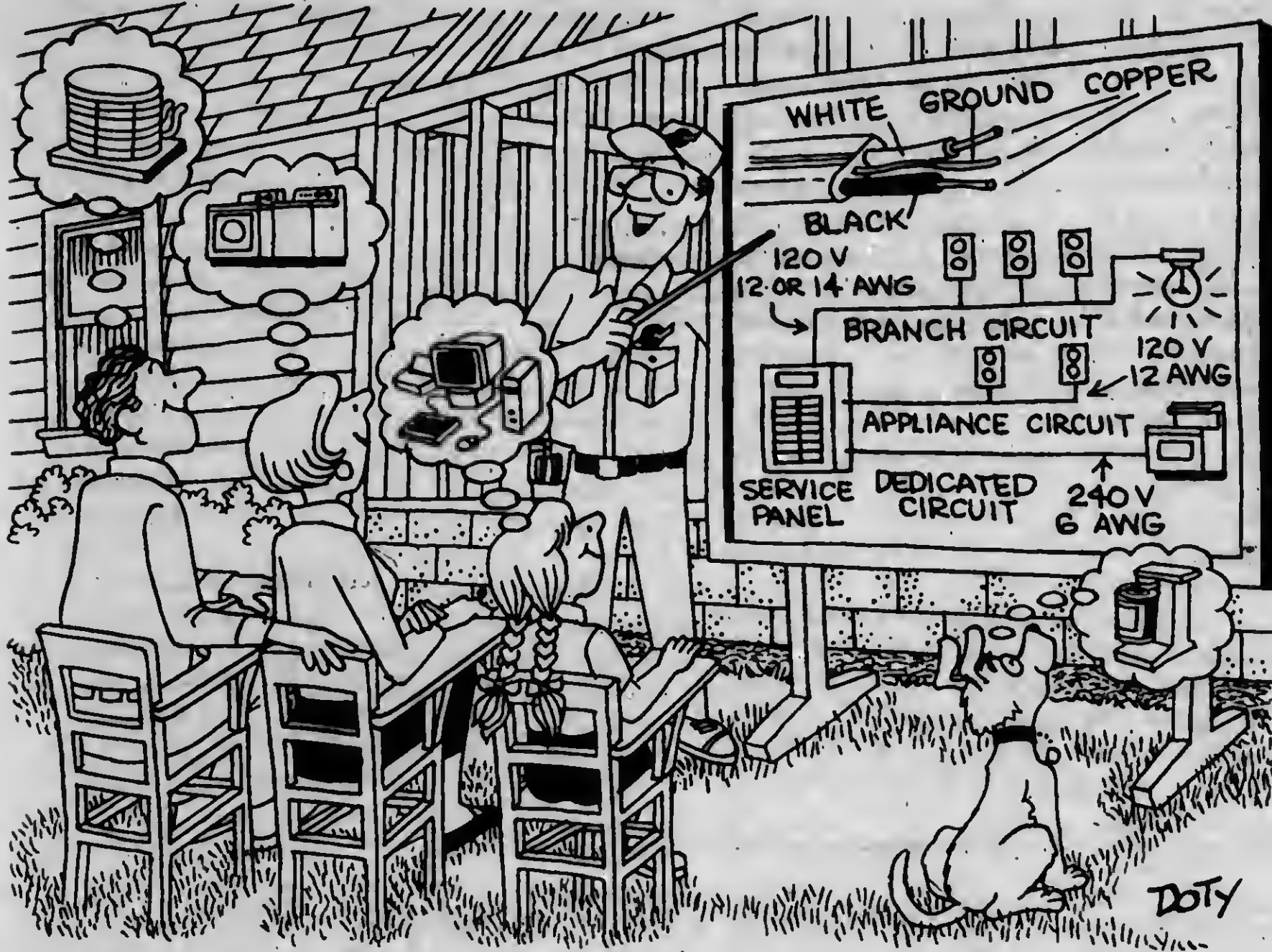
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## House Wiring 101

# Understanding a Home's Electrical System



Whether you're building a new home, remodeling an old one, or just doing some electrical upgrades, at some point you'll probably need to discuss installation questions with your electrician. Although you're not supposed to be the expert, it pays to know at least the basics of a home wiring system and its principal components.

Residential circuits are defined by the National Electrical Code, which also specifies the minimum number and kinds of circuits a home will need, their installation requirements, and similar specifications for the receptacles, lights and other devices powered by the circuits. Keep in mind that it's acceptable — and often advisable — to go beyond the Code's minimum requirements.

There are many types of circuits, but all circuits create an unbroken path along which electrical current flows. The name "circuit" comes from the fact that electricity travels a circular route, from the power source to the device or outlet and back again.

Most modern home wiring circuits consist of a single, vinyl-jacketed electrical cable containing two or more insulated solid-copper wires plus a bare copper grounding wire. One of these wires, the

so-called "hot" leg, is usually covered in black insulation and carries the electricity from the main service panel to the outlets or fixtures. If there is a second or third hot leg in the cable, its insulation is often red or blue. The "neutral" wire is covered in white insulation, and it returns the electricity back to the panel. The grounding wire (bare or covered in green insulation) is there to protect you from shock by diverting any stray current directly to earth, such as in the event of a short circuit or other fault.

A circuit may be classified by how much voltage or current it can safely handle, by what type of cable it uses, or by what is connected to it. Residential circuits in the USA carry 120 or 240 volts. General-use "branch" circuits deliver electricity to a home's wall receptacles, switches and installed fixtures such as ceiling lights. Most are 120-volt circuits wired with 12- or 14-AWG copper, and they are each protected from overload by a 15-amp fuse or circuit breaker located at the service panel.

Small-appliance circuits sometimes power higher-ampereage household gadgets like

toasters and hair dryers. They are also rated at 120 volts, but have higher-capacity 20-amp breakers or fuses and 12-AWG wiring. These circuits are usually installed in kitchens, bathrooms and laundry areas.

A dedicated circuit is an unbroken, unshared wiring run to an individual appliance or piece of equipment. Ranges, clothes dryers, water heaters, furnaces and central air-conditioners typically require dedicated circuits. Their voltage depends on the type of equipment they supply.

Appliances with high electrical demands usually require 240-volt circuits, with a cable that includes two hot wires, one neutral, and one ground. These wires are typically larger: 10-, 8- and 6-AWG (lower AWG, or gage, numbers indicate larger wires).

If you live in an older home, or in any home with inadequate wiring, you may have an insufficient number of circuits for your needs. If circuit breakers trip or fuses frequently blow, your system could be overloaded and unable to keep up with the demand. Consult a qualified electrician if you experience these warning signs.

## Haunted Farm

The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway, will once again host *Haunted Farm*, the spookiest night of the year! *Haunted Farm* will be

Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27. Advance purchase tickets are required, at the cost of \$10 per person. A limited number of tickets are sold for each night between 6:30-9:00 p.m. This event is not recommended for children under the age of 8.

Guests are treated to a walk through the Haunted Barn, a hayride to the Graveyard and Haunted Maze in the Pines, a stop for "spider-cider" at the witches cauldron and Scary Tales by the Bonfire. Please call The Center at 708/361-3650 for more information.

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## Southwest Symphony Orchestra to give concerts for kids

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra shows off in a concert geared just for younger children in two children's concerts on Tuesday, October 30, 2001 at Our Lady of the Ridge Church in Chicago Ridge.

The two performances will be 10 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The symphony wants to inspire the children to learn instruments by offering a special admission price of \$6

being reserved through local elementary schools and a reduced rate of \$5 for groups of 100 or more.

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra has extended their special offer to local Middle, Junior High and High school music students. A student who has confirmation that they are a member of their school's music program will receive free admission with the purchase of an adult ticket.

The symphony will also return to Our Lady of the Ridge later this year for "A Glorious Christmas" on Sunday, December 9, 2001.

For more information call (708) 802-0686.

## Mc Donald-Linn holds spaghetti dinner

Mc Donald-Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W Post 177 & Ladies Auxiliary at 10537 S. Ridgeland Avenue in Chicago Ridge will be hosting a "911 Disaster Relief Fund" Spaghetti Dinner on November 1, 2001, will all proceeds going to the Disaster Relief

Fund for the victims of the World Trade Center and Pentagon Disasters.

Cost of the dinner is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 8-13, and under 8 free. Each paying adult will receive a small flag.

Dinner will include spaghetti in meat sauce, meatballs, Italian sausage, bread and butter, salad and dessert, and coffee and pop.

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# Historian sees many parallels between Pearl Harbor and September 11

Pearl Harbor has been invoked repeatedly as a parallel to the September 11 attack at the World Trade Center/Pentagon. It was a sneak attack on Americans. But one historian sees another connection.

"The parallel with Pearl Harbor is not that we're going in to another World War II, which we're not, and not that we're anticipating another 'Greatest Generation', although I certainly hope this generation rises to the challenge. The parallel is that the attack awakened us to the threat to our homeland, and in so doing, stripped away the limits on what we do to fight terrorism."

So says John Lynn, a professor of military history at the University of Illinois and the chair of the university's Military Education Council. He also is a contributor to the Marine Corps Gazette and a former Oppenheimer Chair on War Fighting Strategy at the Marine Corps University in Quantico, VA.

According to Lynn, the attack has triggered a change in America's attitudes toward war.

We're not worried about finding a way out but about conducting an effective campaign, which is the way wars should be fought."

While what we are about to launch into "is an entirely new kind of war," Lynn said, "it isn't a form of war that we haven't anticipated." We have talked about this sort of conflict for some time."

What he is referring to is asymmetrical conflicts, "in which the sides are very unequally matched, in which the strength of the terrorist matches the weakness of the far more powerful state."

Over the past few weeks Lynn has also been reminded of what Japan's Admiral Yamamoto said shortly after his triumph in attacking Pearl Harbor. "I fear we have awakened a sleeping giant."

Now that the giant is awake, "The next question," Lynn said, "is how will the

giant act? I fear we could become a blind giant in the sense that we may act out of rage before we know what we're doing. If you act blindly, you run the risk of becoming your enemy's best recruiter. In other words, an ill-considered attack on Afghanistan could win over more converts to fanatical terrorism."

Lynn stressed that it is important to recognize the differences between types of war. World War II was a quantitative war-how many bombs did we drop, how many enemy troops did we capture or kill?

"Our engagement with bin Laden will be a qualitative war. Now it's *who* we capture and kill. This new form of war will require intelligence in both senses of the word-being smart-and-also having good military intelligence, and in addition, showing great prudence, patience, and perseverance."

## ★ ★ ★ MILITARY NEWS ★ ★ ★

Navy Midshipman Michael Brock, a 2000 graduate of Marist High School in Chicago, recently received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal while serving at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

The Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal is given in recognition of exceptional voluntary public service. Brock devoted numerous hours to help his community, and performed his assignments in an exemplary and professional manner.



The Burbank Detachment, Marine Corps League, is looking for Marines and the general public who would like to celebrate The Marine Corps Birthday and our country.

Come join the celebration on November 10 to celebrate the 226th birthday of the Marines, and enjoy dinner and a live band.

Tickets must be ordered asap, by contacting Chairman Edward Compton for more information at 708/448-6068. Semper Fidelis.

Army Special Theresa M. Smith has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to soldiers who have served in any capacity in a noncombat area authorized by the Secretary of the Army. The recipients must distinguish themselves by meritorious service or achievement and accomplish the act of distinction.

Smith received the medal while assigned as a petroleum supply specialist with the 602nd Aviation Support Battalion at Camp Stanley, Uijong-Bu, South Korea.

She is the daughter of Carol Holloway of Burbank, and the niece of John Smith of Burbank. The specialist is a 1998 graduate of Reavis High School in Burbank.



Army Private James Manning has graduated from the power generation equipment Army Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

The soldier received leadership and job specialty training during the common

leader and technical training phases, which focus on leadership assessment and development. The noncommissioned officer received the skills needed to supervise, communicate and motivate subordinates; and learned to assist, operate and install communications systems at strategic and tactical levels.

This training prepares the soldier to act and perform duties and responsibilities in his particular job specialty while serving as a squad leader, team or section chief, or platoon sergeant. Leaders learned the theories and principals of war-fighting skills required to lead small units in combat.

Manning is the son of James R. Manning of Burbank.



## Trinity senior becomes intern at PR firm

Marc Jones, 22, of Palos Hills, recently joined Hinsdale public relations firm GR\_PR as a junior account executive/intern. He is a senior at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights. Jones will receive his bachelor's degree in communications in May, 2001.

At GR\_PR, he handles a full range of public relations duties including writing and office administration.

Jones has worked as a sales associate at naturalizers, and as a summer admissions assistant at Trinity.

Ginny Richardson-Public Relations (GR-PR) is a Hinsdale-based PR firm serving the media relations needs of clients in business, healthcare, and the arts. The company offers many internship opportunities including college age, post-college, and high school. Also, two account executives work from home and are the mothers of small children. Richardson is committed to teaching public relations as well as providing employment opportunities to young people interested in communications.



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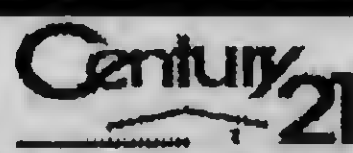
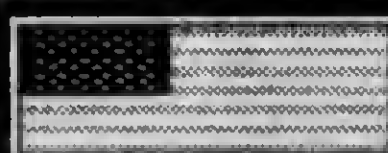
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## OL business women

Recently, Kim Feeney, CFO with the Cook County Treasurer's Office headed by Maria Pappas, spoke to the Oak Lawn Business and Professional Women, following dinner at the Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 S. Cicero.

The theme of the meeting was "What One Woman Can Do". Ms. Feeney explained the workings of the Treasurer's Office. She stated that she's seen a dramatic transformation of policies on revenue collection, tax distribution and investment of public funds, resulting in interest earnings.



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## Richards H.S. art teacher's work to be featured on cards

Easter Seals will feature a painting entitled "Winter Wonderland" by Pat Huss, and Oak Forest resident and art teacher at Richards High School in Oak Lawn, in its 2001 holiday greeting card collection.

Huss and her students have contributed to Easter Seals and the Ronald McDonald House for many years by donating artistic creations to the organizations. In the past, several of Huss' students have had artwork selected for the organization's Easter lilies. Easter Seals mails the lilies in the form of decals to millions of American homes each spring as a fund raiser. The Ronald McDonald House, which provides housing for family members of hospitalized children at the University of Chicago Hospitals and Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, also has chosen artwork by Huss for its holiday fund-raising cards.

Huss began teaching part-time this year after teaching full-time at Richards High for over 25 years.

## Genealogy meeting at Tinley Park High School

Tinley Moraine Genealogist monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1 at 7 p.m. at the library on Tinley Park High School, 6111 W. 175th Street. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Ask our panel on how to resolve obstacles that are keeping you from finding the information you need about your ancestors. Genealogists are known for their willingness to help other genealogists and share the techniques that have worked for them. All are welcome.

The visitor fee for this meeting is \$1. For more information, please call (708)388-3953 or email ckohn@juno.com/

## Rio fills Ryniak's vacancy

By Jude Coyle

The first order of business at the October 2, Village Board Meeting was to replace former Trustee George Ryniak, who had resigned recently after relocating. Mayor Gene Siegel announced his choice, saying that retired Police Chief Michael Rio 'knows more of the village's cracks than anybody.' Trustee Rio retired in August, after 32 years on the Chicago Ridge Police Department. He began as a patrolman, and served 15 years as Police Chief.

There are two communities in the State of Illinois that refunds surplus property taxes to the homeowners, and Chicago Ridge is one of them. Crestwood is the other.

Attorney George Witous introduced an ordinance declaring \$250,000 in surplus funds from the 2000 tax collection. That represents about 60% of what the Village collected in property taxes. "Keep in mind," Mayor Siegel said, "There are 13 taxing bodies taking their cut."

According to Attorney Witous, this is an opportunity for homeowners to apply for a refund. Clerk Charles Tokar explained that in past years, this came to an average of \$150 to \$250 per home, or

\$90 per condo.

This is because Chicago Ridge is a home ruled community, and has set a higher sales tax rate, and because Chicago Ridge Mall brings a lot of people into the Village. The tax rate is 8.25%. Mayor Siegel explained that the extra halfpenny is split evenly between the costs related to the new Municipal Complex, and homeowners.

Mayor Siegel reported that he had toured the Roache property, and that promises to clean up the property and pave it prior to April 1, had not been kept. Mayor Siegel then revoked all new occupancy permits. Mr. Roache approached the Board in spring, promising

to do as asked. In return he wanted to build condo type buildings to be used as offices. Because Mr. Roache had not complied, an application for a business license for Chris Mobile Service Center was tabled. This is a trailer repair business.

The owners of the property at 11001 Parkside had applied to the Planning and Zoning Board for a variance in set back codes. The property is 84 feet wide and formerly held one home. The owners, John and Peter Angelos,

plan to build two homes. The lots would be 40 and 44 feet wide. The variance would allow the home on the corner to be built within the ten foot set back side standards. Trustee Maureen Sochia felt that it was not good to set a precedent. Mayor Siegel added his support for the variance, saying that he didn't see where building two new homes would be detrimental to the Village. The variance was granted.

Engineer Dr. Christopher Burke reported that the ductal arm of the water main along Pleasant needs replacing. A number of brakes have occurred and there are several braces in place. This does not qualify for a Cook County Block Grant, and will cost the Village approximately \$27,500.

Another situation that needs to be corrected is the corner at Virginia, outside of AIC Engines. Water pools in the parking lot. It will cost approximately \$4,250 to expand the 12-inch storm sewer to 24 inches. This would be paid for through TIF funds.

Attorney Witous received a preliminary draft from the developers' attorneys concerning the new Ramada TIF district. The hotel chain has completed surveys that show a hotel in this area would profit. The preliminary draft, according to Attorney Witous, does not contain specific costs or boundaries of the TIF. Until that information is supplied to the Village, they can not go ahead with the next step, which is providing the information to the public. Dr. Burke sent the draft to the developer's attorneys with instructions to provide the Village with the necessary information.

TIF, or Tax Increment Funding, means that property taxes would be frozen at the current level on a specific piece of property. As the property is improved and the tax rate increases, anything collected over the frozen amount would be used to improve the infrastructure of that piece of property. This encourages new businesses to build in a community

## St. Laurence open house

St. Laurence High School, 77th and Central in Burbank, will hold its annual Open House on Sunday, November 11 for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys and their parents. This event will run from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Each group will learn firsthand about the school's commitment to promoting leadership and cultivating and producing leaders in and out of the classroom setting. For 41 years the Christian Brothers school has molded students into leaders in the workplace, the church, and the entire community.

Each tour will be hosted by a St. Laurence students, parent and faculty member, and will give visitors the opportunity to visit all areas of the campus. Stops will emphasize the school's academic programs and facilities, and will include the school's five computer labs, featuring the Reilly Computer Center, modern science labs, Media Center, Computer Graphics Center, the new Science Resource Network, and Guidance and Counseling Center.

Other stops will include the school's chapel, the gymnasium and the collegiate-sized Charles Grunhard Fitness Center. Demos in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, as well as hands-on use of the school's computer resources, will give prospective students and their parents the opportunity to witness and experience some of the everyday learning opportunities available at St. Laurence.

Another part of the campus available for viewing is the school's multipurpose stadium, complete with lights for night football and soccer.

The award-winning St. Laurence band, renowned in Illinois, will perform in the 1,600 seat gym.

"Our open house gives all elementary school students and their parents a unique look at all of the benefits St. Laurence students enjoy," said Director of Admissions Tom Kurzawski.

Please contact the Office of Admissions at (708)458-6900 ex. 237 during regular school hours for additional information.

## Bourbon St. hosts 9-11 fundraiser

In the wake of recent terrorist attacks, Americans have come together in many ways to show their support to the thousands of families whose lives have been tragically altered by the events of September 11, 2001.

A group of Chicago and suburban police officers and firefighters, many of whom went to New York to assist in the rescue and recovery efforts, as well as their families, friends and supporters have united to do the same.

On Saturday, November 17th, a fundraiser will be held at 115 Bourbon Street at 3359 W. 115th Street in Memionette Park, to benefit the NYC Police and Fire Widow and Children's Fund. The day begins at 9 a.m. with a blood drive sponsored by LifeSource. Blood donations will be accepted until 3 p.m., and those wishing to donate are asked to call 800/486-0680 to schedule an appointment.

The fundraiser opens at 10

a.m. and runs until 6 p.m. The event features food, beverages, entertainment, kid's games and numerous raffles. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$5 for anyone under 21. All proceeds benefit the NYC Police and Fire Widow's and Children's Fund.

In conjunction with this event, 115 Bourbon Street is building two walls displaying the shoulder patches of participating police and fire departments across the Chicago metro region.

Along with the proceeds from the November 17 benefit, one wall will be sent to representatives of the NYC Police and Fire Widow and Children's Fund.

The other wall will remain on display as 115 Bourbon Street, as a memorial tribute to fallen police and firefighters.

For further information on the benefit, please call 773/239-7755.



## Welcome to Brother Rice

Brother Rice High School Principal James Antos addresses the 320 members of the Class of 2005 during the school's freshman orientation. Antos thanked the students for selecting Brother Rice as their high school. He told students that they will be taught values and discipline that will help them cope with their academic responsibilities as well as sports and other activities. He also stressed that the students will be taught to live up to the school's motto, "Act manfully in Christ Jesus".

The freshmen were taken through two days of orientation and were given guidance on how to best prepare for their high school career. The class of 2005 came to Brother Rice from more than 100 different grade schools throughout Chicago and the suburbs.



## Lourdes student recognized in Who's Who Among American High School Students

Lourdes High School proudly announces that Sophomore Cherelle Sheppard has been nominated, because of her fine academic achievements, to receive honorary award recognition and to have her biography published in Who's Who Among American High School Students 2000-2001.

In addition, Ms. Sheppard was admitted to the 2001 National High School Music Institute at Northwestern University's School of Music this summer. From June 17 to July 28, Sheppard was one of the 148 students who took part in Northwestern's High School Music Institute. Students were housed at the Willard Hall Dorm and attended classes in the Music Administration Building at the north campus. Students participated in and attended concerts at Lutkin Hall and Regenstein Hall. At the Institute, Sheppard studied voice, music theory and choral singing. "I loved being at the Institute. It was very exciting," she said. "I met many new people and it was great to be able to share our voices with each other. Being on my own and taking care of myself taught me responsibility."

Sheppard has been singing

since she was one year old. "I just love to sing," she said. Depending on performances or concert schedules Sheppard will practice singing three hours a day, but she usually sings throughout the day without a performance coming up. Currently, she is a member of the Chicago Children's Concert Choir, Merit Music Chorus, AARC Choir (African American Religious Connection), Youth Choir at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church where her family worships, and the Lourdes High School Chorus.

Besides her voice, Sheppard's next favorite instrument is the piano. She began studying the piano at age six and for the last five years has been studying at the Merit School of Music on Polk Street. Sheppard's choice to study voice and piano was encouraged and influenced by her mother, Darlene Sheppard, who asked both Sheppard and her brother Jermaine at an early age to think about what they wanted to do with their lives.

Sheppard, who is from the Englewood neighborhood and a graduate of Holy Angels School, also finds time to be active in basketball at Lourdes and remains on the

honor roll. While in high school, Sheppard wants to learn everything she can about music and participating in concerts. She plans on attending Northwestern University, where she has wanted to go since the 7th grade, to study Music and Psychology. Sheppard says she has planned all these efforts to reach her goal of becoming a professional singer.

Lourdes High School is very proud of Ms. Sheppard and wishes her all the best in her educational and professional endeavors.

## Beverly Theatre Guild opens season with "Into the Woods"

The Beverly Theatre Guild will present its first production of 2001-02 season, Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods*. The musical fairy tale that combines many of Grimm's fairy tales and interweaves them in a story of one's courage of convictions. The show is directed by Cassie Dawe (Oak Lawn), with the assistance of Susie

Giampaolo (Burbank), and the musical director is Pat Mooney (Oak Lawn). The show will open November 2, 3, and 4 and November 9, 10, and 11 at the Beverly Art Center at 2153 W. 111th Street. Show times are 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

The famous Grimm's fairy tales are put together into a story that takes these characters "into the woods" to find their wishes. The story continues on after they have secured their prizes. The characters struggle with the options faced them as they try to defeat the Giant, who has come down to seek revenge on Jack, who has stolen his fortune.

Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$14 for students and seniors. Group rates are available. The production will be staged at the Beverly Art Center at 2153 W. 111th Street in Chicago. Phone (312) 409-2705 for info.



## Rockin' Halloween Bash

Join Chicago's premiere Elvis Tribute Artist, Bob West, for the 4th Annual Rockin' Halloween Bash, Friday, October 26, 2001 at Camelot (grand ballroom), 8624 W. 95th Street, in Hickory Hills. Joining Bob, his full band The

Showband and A Short Stack of Brass, is Very Special Guest, renowned stage announcer and personal friend of Elvis Presley, Mr. Al Dvorin. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with Show at 9 p.m. Prizes for best costume will be awarded. Tickets are \$20 each, or reserve a King's Table for 10 (only \$180). For more information call (708) 458-9691.

## Night Games come to De La Salle

De La Salle Institute is pleased to announce that it will be hosting the first on-campus night football game in the 112 year history of the school on Friday, October 19, 2001 with rival Fenwick providing the opposition. The sophomore game will begin at 5 p.m. with kickoff slated for 7:30 p.m.

"By playing in a night game for the first time at De La Salle, the kids and the coaching staff are doing their part to add to our long, rich football tradition," Meteors head football coach Scott Baum said. "And by playing this game at night, it gives more people the opportunity to see the kids play."

Six banks of temporary lights will be brought in for the games, which are sure to draw the interest of prep football fans in general, and all De La Salle students, alumni and friends.

For more information call (312) 842-7355 ext. 118.

## Lourdes High School Fall Craft Show

Lourdes High School Parent Club, 4034 W. 56th Street, is holding a "Fall Craft Show" on Sunday, October 14, 2001 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the school gym. We are looking for crafters. Set up time that day will be 7:00 am.

Lourdes will provide a table, two chairs, and all the advertising. Crafters must reserve a table. The cost per table is just \$25.00. The deadline for reservations is October 10. Space is available on a first come, first served basis, so make your reservations early. Requests for electricity, wall space, or special positioning will be honored to the best of our ability.

All items must be handcrafted -- flea market items will not be considered appropriate.

We ask for a donation of

a craft item valued at no less than \$5 per table (no gift certificates please). These items will be used on our Raffle Table.

Remember to make your reservations early by calling Adele Bulow, LHS Parent Club, at 773-581-2555 to request a Fall Craft Show reservation form.

## MADD holds dinner

Mothers Against Drunk Driving-MADD will hold a Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser on Saturday, October 20 from 4-7 p.m. at the Village of Chicago Ridge Ridgeland Senior Room. 10455 S. Ridgeland Avenue.

Tickets are \$5. Soda, baked goods and raffle tickets will be sold at the event.

Please contact the MADD South Cook County Office at 708/229-1820 for ticket and event information.

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## Moraine Valley's Workforce Development Center readies students for today's workforce

Moraine Valley Community College is offering Workforce Development and Community Services programs during the fall semester, 2001. These programs will aid its students in meeting the demands of today's constantly changing business world and are being offered in both individual form as well as complete and customized training packages.

The programs being offered at Moraine Valley are at the ACT Center, which delivers Web-based training for business, professionals and personal development; Business and Industry Training, which offers customized learning opportunities and on site training for businesses and organizations; Business Development Services, which offers training and counseling for new and existing businesses; Corporate Grant Assistance, which may allow for up to 50% discount on customized training costs; Professional Development and Community Education, which offers computer network training and educational opportunities for health professionals; the Management Institute, which conducts seminars and offers courses to assist in

management and supervisory personnel; the Educator's Academy, which offers state approved professional development courses and seminars for teachers; the Real Estate Professionals Training, a licensed course which provides education requirements for real estate and sales, brokerage licensing and appraisal licensing; and Personal Development, which offers programs for older adults, children and special interest classes.

"Workforce and Community Services play an instrumental role in advancing the knowledge and abilities of people of all ages," said Doug Brauer, dean of Moraine Valley Community College. "We offer a wide range of professional and academic learning opportunities.

Workforce Development and Community Services works with more than 400 businesses each year and has developed strong relationships with over 1,500 companies in the area. For more information on how Moraine Valley Community College can help you or your business, please call 708-974-5735 or email [brauer@moraine.cc.il.us](mailto:brauer@moraine.cc.il.us).

## Real Estate courses offered at Moraine Valley

Moraine Valley offers a variety of short-term non-credit Real Estate Training classes in October and November. These classes being offered are:

- **Real Estate Sales Transactions** meets Tuesdays and Thursdays for eight weeks beginning Tuesday, October 16, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and students over age 21 who pass the class can take the licensing exam through Applied Measurement Systems Inc. for an Illinois real estate salesperson license. The cost of the course is \$220.

- **Ad Advice from a Legal Point of View** meets Monday, October 29, from 6:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and instructs the student on writing advertisement without violating applicable real estate law. The course cost is \$25.

- **Warning - All Agents- Inspection Problems** meets Monday, November 5, from 6:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and teaches how to discover vis-

ible warning signs of potential problems that can be seen when doing a thorough inspection of property. The course cost is \$25.

- **Finance Development** meets Monday, November 12, from 6:15 to 9:30 p.m. for eight weeks beginning Tuesday, October 16, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and educates students on financing requirements, methods of financing the purchase and sale of real estate property. The cost of the course is \$25.

- **Appraisal Standards and Ethics** meets Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on, November 20, from 7 to 10 p.m. and reviews standards of professional appraisal practices adopted by the Appraisal Foundation. The cost of the course is \$129 for in-district students and \$270 for out of district students.

For more information, call (708) 974-5336 or visit online at [www.moraine.cc.il.us](http://www.moraine.cc.il.us)



## Lura Lynn Ryan honored

First Lady of Illinois Lura Lynn Ryan was honored with the 2001 Early Childhood Education Advocacy Award at the 3rd Annual Child Care Business Expo. Also pictured with Mrs. Ryan is Expo Chair Arabel Alva Rosales and Women's Business Development Center Co-President Hedy M. Ramer.

## Lido Spa opens in Miami

Kathleen Tobin

The welcome mat is out! Come join the fun! It is time for a new season at the Lido Spa!

Lido Spa is located on Belle Island just off the Venetian Causeway at 40 Island Avenue in Miami Beach, Florida, overlooking the scenic beauty of Biscayne Bay.

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## Columbus Day

ties for his guests.

The good things are still in place: a friendly staff, a dazzling view of Biscayne Bay, and lots of good food.

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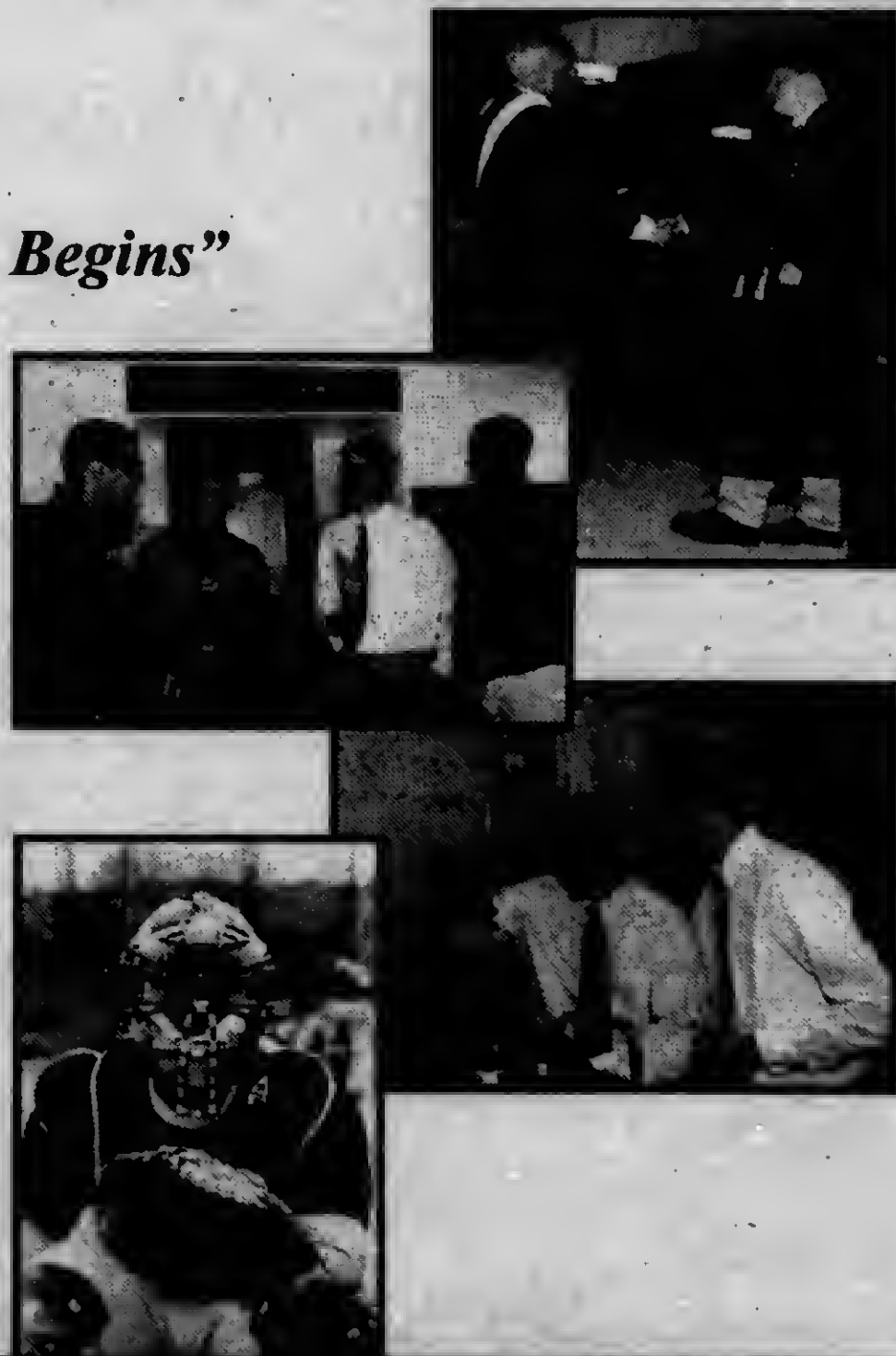
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Join the Burbank Park District as we see the Eastern Conference Champion 76ers get a dose of red Bull. The trip includes ticket, parking and transportation for \$30. We will depart at 6 p.m. and return at 10:30 p.m. on Sat-

urday, December 1. Register now,

Join us for a full day of fun including 2 gambling cruises, lunch and first class transportation on a coachliner. Enjoy slots, video poker and table games. For \$23 you will enjoy 2 gaming sessions, lunch, transportation and \$10 back. Register now at 8050 S. Newcastle.

Hip Hop Dancing for kids is going on right now! This is your chance to learn how to dance like your favorite stars on MTV. You can still register for this class at 8050 S. Newcastle.

Attention, Junior High students! It is time for the first mixer of the 2001-2002 school year! Dance the night

away while you visit with friends and compete in the dance contest, or just chill. Music is presented by a professional disc jockey. Dances are for 7th and 8th graders only, and a Park District ID card is required. Doors will open at 7p.m. on Friday, October 12.

The Burbank Park District is still accepting registration for the exciting Youth Basketball Program. Your child will be assigned to a team, practice once a week, and compete in scheduled league games against other park districts and schools. This program is offered for boys and girls in grades 4-8. Register now at 8050 S. Newcastle.



Pictured from the left is President Locallo and Judge Sheldon Harris, with the Circuit Court of Cook County.

## The election of the Justinian Society of Lawyers

The Justinian Society of Lawyers recently held their 80th Anniversary at the Palmer House Hotel. The Justinian Society is comprised of Italian Lawyers here in the Chicago area. They elected John Locallo as the president. President Locallo has been an attorney in the area for many years. He resides on the Northwest Side of Chicago. His brother, Dan, is a judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County, and his father was a Chicago Police Captain.

## Wilmette actress recalls suburban youth with fondness

By Joyce Macey

Carol Linnea Johnson looks back on her youth growing up in Wilmette as one of strength and Character building. Her parents, Glenn and Irene Johnson, reside in Glenview while Carol's sister lives in Morris, IL. I asked Johnson how she broke out of Wilmette after attending New Trier High School. Broadway seemed eons away to the high school student.

"I consider myself lucky to grow up where I did," the actress noted. "New Trier has

an outstanding theater program. They teach aspiring actors the basics before college. I attended St. Olaf's in Minnesota."

"My progression into actual performing parts was slow but steady. One job led to another because the theatre world is basically small, so networking is a way of life," Johnson said.

"The minute I say, this is my goal, something better comes along that you might not have had the courage to seek out," she continued.

The entire cast of "The Full Monty" performing at the Shubert Theatre in Chicago through October 27 is now funded by the City of Chicago and Mayor Daley.

"The producers of 'The Full Monty' could not afford to finance two productions including our touring company so the City of Chicago stepped in after the terrible September 11 crashes into the World Trade Center," the actress added.

The hit musical is a fun filled evening with only the

task of keeping it's audience laughing and forgetting traumatic recent events.

"Without the City of Chicago's support we would be an entire company out of jobs. Many of us sublet our apartments and homes in the New York City area so the repercussions of the show closing well before the October 27 date would have caused a lot of problems and out-of-work actors," the actress continued.

Johnson said she went to London and it's British American Drama program one summer. The experience was crucial to her progression as an actress.

She has been married for three years to Don Burrows who plays a member of the union in the show. She met him at the Utah Shakespeare Festival.

The show was originally committed to tour until next May.

"The life of an actor is capricious at most. We are casualties who will end up on our feet. This is one of the realities of being an actor," Johnson added.

After the closing of "The Full Monty" on October 27, Carol and her husband will return to New York City where they have sublet their apartment.

"Things will work out. They always do. Meanwhile I am overwhelmed with the generosity of the people of Chicago and it's suburbs. Over the period of eight shows, people contributed \$55,000 dollars to actors who collected in the lobby for the American Red Cross after the September 11th catastrophe.

The Shubert Theatre is located at 22 West Monroe Street. call (312) 902-1400 for information and tickets.

for all, especially our families who have children at both schools," said Mr. Thomas Ondra, president of St. Laurence. "A collaborative relationship makes practical sense, economic sense, mission sense. Both schools are committed to single sex education and we can look for every possible juncture to support each other."

Dr. Catherine Karl, Queen of Peace president, agreed. "We're getting good people together who share a common mission of Catholic education. When good people get together, good things happen."

In an effort to promote ongoing collaboration, the schools are planning to bring students together for a service project in the near future.

The gathering also provided an opportunity for faculty and staff of the high schools to hear an address by Dr. Nicolas Wolosonovich, newly appointed superintendent of Catholic schools for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Following the superintendent's address, the Peace and Laurence communities enjoyed refreshments and lively discussion on the academic responsibilities of students outside the classroom that will support and enhance their classroom learning.

## St. Laurence welcomes neighbor Queen of Peace and new Catholic schools superintendent

A neighborly partnership in Burbank continued August 30 as St. Laurence High School hosted Queen of Peace High School for an afternoon of professional collaboration, socializing and

anniversary congratulations as Peace kicks off its 40th anniversary this year.

"The two schools sharing ideas and supporting one another is exciting in the sense of how beneficial this can be



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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

While summer is generally a period of leisure, this perception would not accurately reflect or describe the day-to-day activities or the amount of work being handled and performed by my office, Cook County Recorder of Deeds. In fact, the Recorder's Office reached a milestone this past June, when it recorded more than 115,000 documents. The highest total for any month in the history of the office.

Since I, Eugene Moore, took office in 1999, my office has annually recorded more than 1 million documents. Based on the numbers so far this year, the Recorder's Office projects it will surpass the record of 1,119,000 documents arriving in my office is the result of the economy and a vibrant real estate market in Cook County. As a result, the Recorder's Office will generate more revenue this year than last, when the office had receipts in excess of \$41 million.

Attribute this success to the talent, dedication and commitment of my staff and employees.

Respectfully Yours,  
Eugene Moore,



## Sheahan offers Halloween safety tips

With Halloween approaching, Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan has issued a series of safety tips to promote a safe Halloween for children in communities throughout Cook County.

"Halloween can be a fun day for both children and adults," Sheahan said. "But it is important for parents to follow simple guidelines before sending their children out to trick-or-treat."

Parents should start by checking out their children's costumes. Face make-up is preferable to masks. Check the length of the costume's material to prevent tripping, and discourage your children from carrying sharp or pointed objects as part of their costumes.

Young children should be accompanied by an adult, and older children should trick-or-treat in groups, making sure their parents are aware of their intended route. Trick-or-Treat should take place in daytime hours.

Parents should inspect all candy before children are allowed to eat it. Candy that appears to have been unwrapped should be thrown away.

## Spookview will thrill the kids

Thrills and chills and lots of spooktacular fun return to the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110th Street) this year during the Oak Lawn Park District's annual *Spookview* festival.

A children's costume parade kicks off the event on October 20th at 3 p.m. Activities are geared for both younger and older children.

"Spookview is a great event because it offers Halloween fun for families and people of all ages due to the wide variety of activities planned," says Angela Alwood, the park district's recreation supervisor.

Games and bingo will be offered, giving people a chance to win prizes. Others can enjoy the day by decorating pumpkins, strolling through the craft room, and grabbing a bite to eat at the concession stand.

Admission is free, but some activities have a fee

ranging from 25 cents to \$1.25.

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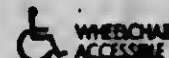
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

## Clearing Library presents program on bulbs

The Clearing Branch Library, 6423 W. 63rd. Place, is presenting a program on the topic of bulbs on Thursday, October 18 at 7 p.m.

Learn from a master gardener when, how and where to plant bulbs so you may enjoy tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and more next spring.

There is no charge for the program.

## Lourdes principal starts cultural diversity workshops

Sr. Josita Krzeminski, SSJ TOSF, Principal of Lourdes High School, 4034 W. 56th Street, has initiated Cultural Diversity Workshops for the faculty at the school. The purpose of these workshops is to explore, understand and enhance the awareness of cultural diversity at Lourdes.

"We will do anything possible as a staff to promote peace, justice, and inclusion," Sr. Josita said. "This is a start. The workshops will truly give us a greater understanding of others."

The workshops are conducted by Dr. Jeanne Porter of TransPorter Communications, 1700 E. 56th Street in Chicago.

Prior to the workshops, Student Cultural Diversity Focus Groups were held at the school on Sept. 18. Information from these confidential focus groups will be used in the following workshops: Session I-"Cultural Introductions and Definitions", Session II-"Model for Understanding Cultural Differences", Session III-"Understanding Cultural Values".

## Midway USO: past and present

By Rick Techman

Visiting Midway Airport in this day and age, without a boarding pass or responsibility to pick someone up, is almost totally uncalled for with the heavy security everywhere on the airport. The terminal is heavily secured with Chicago Police Officers, private security personnel and, above all, armed military

## Halloween at the Mt. Greenwood Historical Society

The Mount Greenwood Historical Society will celebrate Halloween with a night of traditional and new party games for the whole family.

The fun will begin at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, October 22 at the Mt. Greenwood Library at 111010 S. Kedzie in Chicago.

Costumes are optional, but a good time is a must! All are welcome. Admission is free. For more information, please call Janet McBride at (773)881-8168.

## Rummage Sale to be held at St. Rene School Hall

There will be a rummage sale in St. Rene School Hall, 6340 S. New England Ave., on Saturday, October 26th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Sunday, October 27th the hours will be 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. only.

Donations are still welcome. For more information call Kathy at 229-1749 or Julie at 586-3157.

police.

With a nine millimeter sidearm tucked closely to their chests, these young men and women, far from home, have the responsibility of respectfully seeing that everyone who passes through the terminal and the terminal gates is there for a legitimate purpose and remains safe and protected from any criminal activity while on the airport.

These young men and women, and it can't be stressed enough that many of them could be no more than 19 or 20 years old, have an awesome responsibility while away from their loved ones, friends and babies.

So where are they to go on their off hours? And how much time do they really have when they can be expected to work as much as 12 hours a day?

Well, the answer is the Midway Airport USO. Tucked away on the third floor of the old black tower building in the "B" concourse, the USO

## Lourdes holds Walkathon

Lourdes High School, at 4034 W. 56th Street in Chicago, is pleased to announce their annual Walkathon will take place on Friday, October 19. The goal this year is to raise \$12,000 to benefit tuition assistance. The theme is "Move Along With Us".

This year students will walk from Lourdes to De La Salle Institute at 3455 S. Wabash, which will be their new partner school with the Fall 2002. This will give Lourdes students an opportunity to understand our collaboration with De La Salle.

Call Mr. Nunez in the Development Office at 773/581-2555 ex. 14 for more information.

offers television and taped movie entertainment, games, two easy chairs for a quick nap and a kitchen stocked with food and snacks. But the most important asset to many a lonely soldier and sailor is the computer with internet access that allows them to keep in touch with their family and friends in a way no soldier of past wars could ever hope.

Yes the Army M.P.'s, who patrol Midway, as well as all military and family members, have a unique home at the Midway USO if just for a brief time between their assignments.

About five thousand service people and family members utilize the Midway USO every year.

With the current war on terrorism and call to active duty the USO has become much busier.

Normally open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday, the USO is attempting to increase its hours of operation considerably but needs more volunteers to make that possible.

Financial contributions are also accepted as the USO receives no government funding.

Midway USO Center Director Bob Stone said, "Every branch of service comes in here. We are seeing military traveling, both single military and family military."

The "B" concourse location is about the fourth location the Midway USO has had since its inception ten years ago. With the continuously changing face of the Midway terminal it has been difficult to find space for this not-for-profit group. But, according to Stone, a roomier, permanent location will be developed for the USO in the new Southwest Airlines terminal scheduled for completion circa 2002-2003. USO (773)582-5852



## Clearing Night Force

Clearing Night Force president John Kurtovich, presents Clearing Civic League president Richard Zilka (center) an award for his support of the night force during the past year. Kurtovich distributed a total of three awards at the Beat 812 CAPS meeting October 10 to advocates who supported his group. Chicago Police 8th District Commander James Malloy observes. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)

## St. Rita holds open house

St. Rita High School at 7740 S. Western Avenue, will hold an open house for 6th-8th grade boys on Sunday, November 4th from 1-4 p.m. Now in its 97th year, St. Rita High School is an all male, Roman Catholic college preparatory school owned and operated by the Order of St. Augustine.

During the open house, guided tours will emphasize various academics, spiritual, and extra curricular programs offered at St. Rita High School. Prospective students and their parents will learn about the educational philosophy followed by the St. Rita community of educating the whole person-intellectually, spiritually, physically, emotionally and socially.

The tour will begin with a performance by the award winning St. Rita Mustang Band. More than 40 exhibits will be on display in the gymnasium, representing the many athletic programs and clubs St. Rita has to offer, as well as tuition, financial assistance, transportation ser-

vice, parent clubs, and the St. Rita Alumni Association.

Stops on the tour include St. Rita's 1,000 seat Chapel and Shrine, state of the art computer labs, a Chemistry demonstration in one of 4 Science labs, Olympic sized pool and weight training center. Visitors will have an opportunity to meet school administrators, teachers, coaches and club moderators. Students and parents of students will be available as an additional informational resource and to assist with the tours.

For information, please contact Mike Murtagh at 773/925-RITA or visit [www.stritahs.com](http://www.stritahs.com).



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## Worth gives residents alternatives to leaf burning

By Frank Sozcek

Worth Village Clerk Bonnie Price announced the Village has purchased a new leaf vacuum truck in response to citizens' concerns following the recent leaf burning ban implemented by the Village. Price added a schedule for the new vacuum will soon be available.

Price also announced large leaf bags are on sale at the Village Hall for .25 each.

Groen, the waste hauling company under contract with the Village will continue to pick up leaves in paper bags and garbage cans provided they are marked "Yard Waste."

Yard Waste stickers are available free of charge at the Village Hall.

An additional option available for those having difficulty with leaves is the "Neighbor In Need" program. Details may be obtained by contacting the Village Clerk.

Worth resident Steve Werner requested clarification of the new leaf burning ordinance as it pertains to back yard fireplaces and barbecues.

Werner stated he felt the ban should include the latter applications, further noting he found a neighbor's burning of wet wood in an outdoor fireplace unpleasant.

It was announced the specifics of outdoor fireplaces and barbecues would be addressed at the October 16th meeting.

Resident Joe Witryk urged the Board to consider changing the existing Village noise ordinance to 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and 9 a.m to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Resident Joyce Williamson asked that the

Board reconsider its previous denial of a request to use Village employees and equipment to pave the parking lot of the United Methodist church on Depot Ave.

The Board unanimously rejected the request since the property in question is private and a precedent would place the Village in a tenuous legal position.

Resident Chris Meyer noted westbound traffic on 115th Street is frequently backed up to Oak Park Ave. during rush hour and asked if parking might be restricted on 115th St. east of Harlem to alleviate the problem.

Chief O'Connor will investigate the matter and present his recommendations at the next Board meeting.

Resident Diane Hefner, who lives near the toll road, presented a photograph of a tire that she found in her yard, and asked if a fence could be erected for safety reasons.

President Ed Guzdziol promised he would follow up on the matter with the Illinois Toll Road authorities.

Resident Marty Koenig expressed concern that a Palos school bus frequently takes a sharp turn on 109th Place and hits the culvert and adjacent stop sign.

President Guzdziol assured Koenig he would contact the bus company.

Trustee Mary Rhein expressed concern for what she felt were high payroll costs incurred by the golf course Pro Shop.

Rhein requested a meeting with the golf course staff to clarify questions she has regarding expenditures.

Rhein requested and

received Board permission to use \$25,000 in grant funds to purchase a new utility vehicle for the police department.

Rhein also obtained Board approval to solicit bids not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$54,000 for two new police cars.

Rhein read a letter from the Bridgeview Police Chief thanking the Worth Police Department for their recent assistance.

The Board unanimously approved increases in vehicle sticker fees for large commercial vehicles, class "D" and above.

Fees for passenger cars and "B" plate trucks will remain unchanged.

Clerk Price announced a Town Hall meeting will be held Saturday, October 27th at 10:00 a.m. in the Village Hall. State Representative Maggie Crotty will be the featured guest speaker.

Village Vehicle stickers will go on sale December 1st, at which time a \$2 discount will be given to "early bird" purchasers.

Tickets for the annual Senior Christmas luncheon will be available starting November 1st at a cost of \$5 per person.



## MVCC presents "Oedipus"

Moraine Valley's Academic Theater will perform Sophocles' "King Oedipus" in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater on Thursdays through

Sundays, October 25-28 and November 1-4. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m.; while the Sunday performances begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$11 for adults and \$9 for students and seniors.

This version for the modern stage was written by William Butler Yeats and directed by Roderick Jean-Charles.

Joyce Porter, professor of Theater/Humanities, is excited about the performance. "The play is an intimate production in which the audience feels transported to ancient Thebes, accompanied by live music," Porter said.

The cast list is: David Scott as Oedipus, Breanne Johnson as Jocasta, Stephanie Bishop as Tiresias, Andy Lukasiewicz as Herdsman, Matt Gallagher and Jenny Strubin as Messengers, Andrea Bozinavich as Antigone, Jessica Skolnik as Ismene. Chris Hasson, Samantha Knott, Maurice Jackson, Sara Parr, Heather Collins, Lorena Alcantor, and Lauren Stejc are the Chorus.

Sophocles became one of the greatest playwrights of the golden age. Out of his 120 plays, only 7 survived in their entirety. Of these, *King Oedipus* is considered his best work.

For tickets, phone the Fine and Performing Arts Center Box Office at (708)974-5500.

## City Council has many events planned for Palos Hills

By Jude Coyle

At the October 4, 2001 City Council Meeting, Alderman Frank Williams read a list of activities planned for Palos Hills residents during the next month. On Saturday, 10/20, a children's Halloween party is planned between 11 AM and 2 PM. At 3 PM a 1976 time capsule will be displayed. From 4 to 9 PM, residents are invited to Octoberfest. Brats and beer will be sold and 'The Working Class Band' will entertain. All this will take place at the Community Center.

November 1, will be 'Youth Turnabout Day.' Students from Conrady Jr. High, and Stagg High School, who reside in Palos Hills, are invited to participate, and should contact City Hall, Community Activity Center for applications.

Because of construction at Stagg High School, the annual Thanksgiving Day Food drive will be held at Conrady Jr. High this year.

Senior craft classes will be held on 10/16 at 10 AM in the Youth Room at the Community Center. 55 Alive classes are planned for 10/29 and 30, from 9 AM to 1 PM. A \$10 registration fee is required.

Volunteer Lucille Sacharczyk will be honored at the Plows luncheon on 10/26 at the Lexington House. A senior Halloween party will be held on 10/24, at 12:30.

The City is asking anyone who knows of a Palos Hills resident currently serving in the military. A special display to honor those individuals is planned. Residents are instructed to contact City Hall with the name, rank and the branch of service.

Alderman Dan Scurek presented an ordinance granting a variance for a four-lot split at 9850 S. 88th Avenue. Monagle Builders, Inc. will build upscale housing on those lots. Another special use variance was granted for the N.E. corner of 7942 W. 102nd Street. Six townhouses will be built there.

Alderman Joe Tomas asked for an ordinance imposing 'no parking' restrictions on the west side of 84th Avenue from 99th Street, south to 102nd Place. "This street is too narrow," Alderman Tomas said. "And a fire truck cannot get through." Alderman Williams asked if the public had been polled about this. Alderman Tomas replied that they hadn't. This is a public safety issue and polling the public was not necessary.

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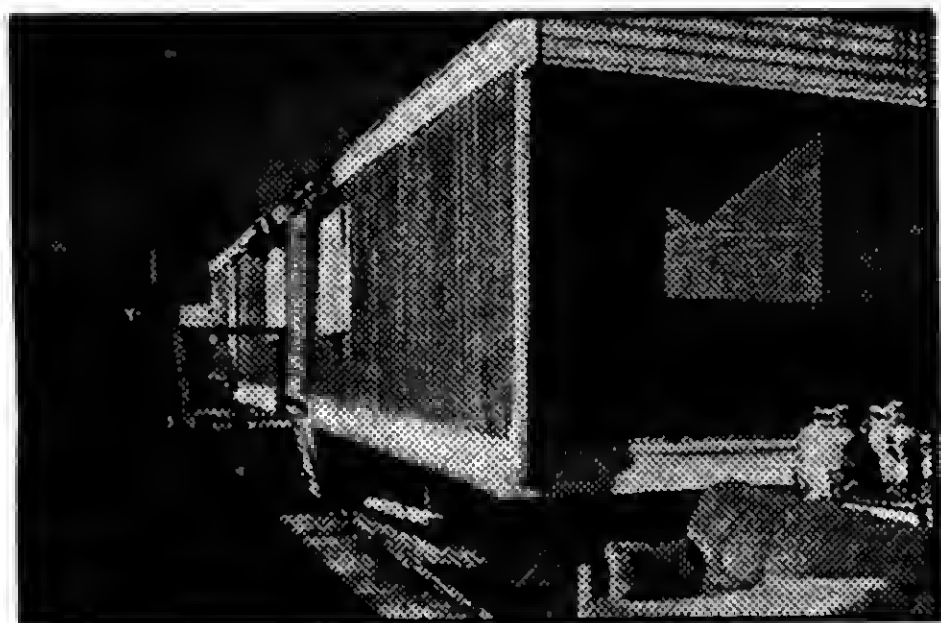
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The scorched remains of a vacant trailer at site #712 in the Rosebud Trailer Park at 8800 South Harlem in Bridgeview still stands after a fire consumed the rehabbed structure Tuesday night, October 30 at 5:00 p.m. No injuries were reported. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)

## Bridgeview trailer fire stopped in time

By Rick Techman

A vacant house trailer, located in the Rosebud Trailer Park at 8800 South Harlem in Bridgeview, burned to a shell Tuesday night, October 30 at about 5:00 p.m. Local American heroes, the men and women of the Bridgeview Fire Department and several neighboring departments responded to the call immediately preventing any damage to nearby trailer homes.

The department's familiarity with Rosebud and its lack of a fire hydrant system caused them to bring enough water on their trucks to extinguish the blaze within 20 minutes. No injuries of fire fighters or residents were reported. Witnesses at the scene said fear of the fire spreading to neighboring trailers was fueled by the fact the recently filled oil tanks behind the trailer used for

heating and utilities were within reach of the flames.

A preliminary investigation showed the origin of the fire to be in or around the furnace area of trailer number 712, the unoccupied subject trailer. A further investigation of the cause of the fire is continuing. The estimate of damages reached as much as \$6,000.00. It is unknown whether the trailer had fire insurance at the time of the blaze.

One witness explained that although a disabled senior woman vacated the house last spring at the encouragement of her daughter, the daughter continued to put improvements in the trailer in the hope of soon being able to sell it for a profit. Another witness explained that at the time of the fire smoke consumed most of the trailer park and the flames could be seen from all four corners of the park.

During the next few days following the fire, the trailer was boarded up along its south and west wall. The entire interior of the trailer was scorched beyond recognition. Recent work done to remodel the trailer for possible sale was completely destroyed. Only the trailers two oil tanks, located behind the structure, went untouched by flame.

Trailer park residents living near the trailer 712 site initially made the 9-1-1 call to alert officials of the fire looming near their homes. With all house trailers located about ten feet apart from each other a fire can quickly spread here and affect housing for many individuals. Fire departments assisting Bridgeview included Roberts Park, North Palos, Willow Springs and Chicago Ridge.

## AGLOW International Oak Lawn Chapter

The Oak Lawn Lighthouse Chapter of Aglow International holds meetings on the second Thursday of the month at White Rose Banquet Hall (Formerly Burbank Rose) at 6501 West 79<sup>th</sup> Street, Burbank. Meals are served at 7 p.m. at a cost of \$12.50 per person. Price includes the dinner and speaker. A variety of topics are covered and meetings are open to all denominations.

A Bible Study is held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Oak Lawn Library, 95<sup>th</sup> and Cook Avenue, lower level, from 9:30-11 a.m. All ages and denominations are welcome and there is no charge.

For more information, call Linda DuPuy at (708) 425-6957.

## SD 229 plays musical chairs with board members

By F.J. Soczek

In a bold maneuver to recapture control of the School Board, Oak Lawn High School District 229 President Jerry Vahl appointed two replacements to fill recent vacancies during a special meeting held Friday night.

The tenuous balance between members aligned with Vahl and those of the opposing faction shifted recently following the surprise resignation of John Duda, considered to be a Vahl ally.

Duda's untimely departure followed closely the resignation of another Vahl supporter, Frank Bertucci.

Bertucci, who had two years left in his term, relinquished his position as required by law after moving to a new home out of the school district.

For the last several years, the Board has been fiercely divided along party lines, with Board President Jerry Vahl frequently voting in support of members Bill Jerry, Frank Bertucci and John Duda.

Board Members Randy Rowsey, John Hickey and Denise Pesek formed the opposing, "minority" voting block.

The balance initially shifted when it was discovered member Randy Rowsey had for some time been residing out of the district in violation of Board policy.

Rowsey's ultimate resignation, for a time, fortified Vahl's hand in controlling Board affairs, giving his faction a 5-2 edge.

Charges of "political" motivation surfaced during a hotly contested election last November.

Four new School Board members were ultimately chosen by popular vote,

following rancorous mudslinging from those seeking "control" of the beleaguered Board.

When the smoke cleared, Vahl emerged with his former edge.

Newly elected member Linda Flanagan-Vahl would ultimately replace outgoing member Bill Jerry.

Flanagan-Vahl is married to Vahl's second cousin.

The newly elected "opposition," members, Oak Lawn Police officer Bob Foster, Michelle Moses and Mary Cerco emerged victorious out of a four member slate heavily funded by the powerful Oak Lawn Mayor's Coalition Party.

The politically embroiled Board appeared to reach new levels of scissure after District 229 Attorney Dennis Brennan was found guilty of several provisions of State election laws by the Illinois State Board of Elections.

Brennan, a Vahl ally, was inexorably linked to a campaign aimed at stopping what was derisively referred to as the "Hurckes Four" candidates- Moses, Foster, Cercero and Amado.

The latter appellation arose from a video tape mailed to District voters.

In the tape, Oak Lawn Trustee Jerry Hurckes was accused of vote fraud, although he was never formally charged.

The tawdy video suggested "guilt by association" in a crudely orchestrated smear campaign against the group calling itself CFAM.

The three successful members of Coalition CFAM (after the first initials of the candidates' last names) scheduled to take office November 13th, saw a chance to "balance" the equation following the resignation of Frank Bertucci.

Consequently, the departure of John Duda increased exponentially Vahl's urgency to fill the two vacant seats before the new members were scheduled to be sworn-in.

Unless he acted fast, on November 13th, Vahl would have a solitary supporter (Flanagan-Vahl) facing the solid force of Moses, Cercero and Foster. Changes were "promised" by the latter group.

For Vahl and his friend, Attorney Dennis Brennan, it was not (apologies to Martha Stewart) a "good thing."

Vahl and Brennan made two weak attempts to schedule a special meeting in order to appoint replacements for Duda and Bertucci-before the next scheduled Board meeting November 13th.

Board members Pesek and Hickey were mysteriously absent.

On both occasions.

In a third attempt, relying upon a "six page opinion" prepared by District counsel Dennis Brennan, Vahl appointed Maria Skoundrianos and Christine Panek to fill the vacancies. Christine Panek is an Oak Lawn resident with teenagers who attend Oak Lawn H.S.

Panek stated "I want to see the board focus on school issues, rather than politics."

Maria Skoundrianos is a 33 year resident of Oak Lawn and formerly employed as a nurse in the advanced cardiac life-support unit at St. Francis Hospital.

Skoundrianos' aspirations as a new Board member are to "provide an atmosphere of growth, communication and social skills needed for students to become productive members of society."





The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District receives a "Monument of the Millenium" award from the American Society of Civil Engineers. Pictured, from left: Jim Harris, Gloria Majewski, Robert Bem, Terrence J. O'Brien and Pat Young.

## Monument of the Millenium

The American Society of Civil Engineers has presented an award to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) Wastewater System.

"Only 10 civil engineering achievements in the world were named as a Monument of the Millennium for having had the greatest positive impact on life in the 20th Century," stated MWRD President Terrence J. O'Brien.



A man used as a decoy or an employee who stands in line to make the box office look busy and walks in without paying is called a shill.

## Snackville Junction's offers free Thanksgiving dinner

Snackville Junction will be serving FREE Thanksgiving Day turkey dinner from noon until 4 p.m. This will be the 15th year that they've provided this meal at no cost to anyone that comes to Snackville. The menu will consist of turkey, with all the trimmings, dressing, potatoes, vegetables, rolls and beverages. Homemade pumpkin pie will top off the feast.

Snackville will also deliver meals to anyone who is unable to come in for dinner. Just call us at 708-423-1313 and let us know where and what time to deliver the meals. Snackville thanks their many friends and supporters who help make it possible to allow the tradition to continue.

For more information stop in at their location at 9144 S. Kedzie Ave. in Evergreen Park.

## Dr. Quraishi eases anthrax concerns

By Jude Coyle

Today's date is November 1, 2001. As of this writing, four people have died from anthrax. There are 17 cases, and ten are inhalation anthrax. Most cases are located in New York, New Jersey, Florida and Washington D.C. Traces of anthrax spores have been found in post offices in Indianapolis and Kansas City. As of yet, anthrax has not been found in Illinois.

Dr. Ahmed Quraishi of Ingalls Hospital in Harvey was quick to point out that we are dealing with "90% fear and ten percent reality." One has to evaluate the ratio of those exposed to anthrax spores, and how many individuals have actually contracted it. At this point, there have been thousands exposed, and less than twenty infected. "The panic this creates," Dr. Quraishi said, "is tenfold of what is happening."

Dr. Ahmed Quraishi holds a Ph.D. in infection control from the University of Pittsburgh, and is employed at Ingalls Hospital in Harvey, in the Infectious Medicine Department. "I am an epidemiologist." Another way he described himself is an infectious disease investigator.

On October 17, Dr. Quraishi met with law enforcement, FBI and other emergency personnel at South Suburban College. He answered questions concerning bio-weapons and bioterrorism. The intent was to help prepare our area for a possible terrorist attack.

After hearing him speak at South Suburban College, Police Chief Tim Balderman invited Dr. Quraishi to speak to residents of Chicago Ridge. On Thursday, October 25, Dr. Quraishi did just that.

Chief Balderman commented, "He was intelligent and easy to understand.... That's why we asked him to come to Chicago Ridge. Put people's

minds at ease. Did an excellent job of explaining what is realistic and what isn't."

"Anthrax is an old Biblical disease," Dr. Quraishi explained. "It is found in Exodus as 'a plague of livestock.' And it is found again in Roman times, and so on throughout history."

He went on to explain that this is a natural disease. It is found in the soil. In the U.S., it is transmitted by livestock, particularly sheep, because anthrax spores catch in the fur. Dr. Quraishi said that individuals who shear sheep, or take hides off of animals are more likely to be exposed to it.

It is not contagious, and is very treatable. There are three ways of contracting it. First off is the skin form. Spores infect breaks or abrasions in the skin.

The second form is the inhalation form. Historically, 8,000 to 10,000 spores need to be inhaled to cause it. Symptoms occur within a couple of days after exposure. Like a respiratory flu, symptoms include fever, coughing and vomiting. If left untreated, anthrax will cause high fever, respiratory failure and shock.

The last form is ingestion. One contracts this from eating tainted meat. According to Dr. Quraishi this is unlikely in the U.S. because of the controls placed on meat by the FDA.

Anthrax is a spore, which means it is a hearty bacterium with an outer coating. That makes it large, heavy and not likely to become air born naturally. "When an infected animal dies, there is little threat of infection," Dr. Quraishi explained. The spores fall to the ground.

When anthrax is manufactured, the spores are smaller, and chemicals are added to keep it air born. Still, Dr. Quraishi explained that everything eventually is susceptible to gravitational pull. "Even-

rything falls after a while," he said.

"Making anthrax requires scientific knowledge," said Dr. Quraishi. One needs knowledge of biochemistry, microbiology, and infectious diseases. That person needs to know how to identify the anthrax spore, how to grow it, keep it alive, keep it dry, and make it into small particles. He also needs the right equipment, a lab, and he needs to know how to protect himself from infection.

"We are still in the learning process," Dr. Quraishi said. "This could be manufactured here, or it could be brought in from abroad. We don't know at this point."

There are many factors that could have contributed to the spread of anthrax through the mail. Could the spores have been made small enough to pass through paper? Were the envelopes properly sealed? How was the mail handled? How was air circulation inside the post office? Were the letters to politicians and the various media companies the only letters mailed, or were there more?

If one becomes suspicious of contact with anthrax Dr. Quraishi recommends that that person should immediately wash his hands. The cause of the suspicion, say an envelope or package, should be isolated from humans and pets, and authorities should be notified for removal. Also, the affected individual should see a physician immediately. "This is a highly treatable disease."

Dr. Quraishi explained there are tests for flu that can be administered and the results can be returned within hours.

Asked about emergency plans, Chief Balderman said that there are good detailed plans at his disposal. District 1, which takes in Chicago Ridge and territory to the north, has the largest haz mat team in Illinois.



The melody of The Star Spangled Banner was originally known as Anacreon In Heaven.



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Pictured from left: Br. Jack Hibbard, OSA, Activities Director; Daniel Vohasek, Kevin Brooks and Kenneth Murfay.

## St. Rita's Mustangs of the Month

St Rita of Cascia High School bestows a Mustang of the Month Award every month during the school year to a notable student from each class. Teachers nominate students based on a student's overall involvement in the school - academically, spiritually, and in extra-curricular activities. The award winners are then chosen from those nominated by an award committee. The Mustangs of the Month for October were: Daniel Vohasek, Kenneth Murfay and Kevin Brooks.

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Maria Pappas, Cook County Treasurer, will speak before the A.A.R.P. #3558 on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Johnson-Phelps V.F.W. Hall, at 9514 S. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Oak Lawn.

Lois Harris, coordinator, announced that Maria will discuss the workings of the new Treasurer's Office. Elected in 1998, Treasurer Pappas has made many major improvements benefitting Cook County residents.

Treasurer Pappas, in a very short time, has significantly increased total interest earnings on monies held in County accounts. New investment systems are on pace to earn about \$22 million, more than quadrupling the 1998 performance of \$4.8 million. Newly designed tax bills and informational brochures have been created to provide better understanding about the property-tax system.

Under her direction, the Treasurer's Office has implemented a new cash-iering and general ledger system, which, along with other automation projects, will benefit the people and government of Cook County.



## Library Fall Food Drive

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street, continues to collect nonperishable food and paper products for its Fall Food Drive, which ends on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Collection barrels are located in front of the book checkout desk, first floor. The library will not accept opened or expired items. Donations will go to local food pantries for distribution to needy families in the area.



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## SXU to Host Historical Play "Women of Heart and Steel"

Saint Xavier University's Women's Studies Department will present the historical play, "Women of Heart and Steel" at noon on Monday, November 12 in McGuire Hall, Warde Academic Center, 3700 West 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, Chicago. This musical performance piece of the Working Women's History Project spotlights Alice Peurla of the United Steelworkers and Sylvia Woods of the United Auto Workers.

Alice Peurla and Sylvia Woods were leaders of the women's labor movement who fought for justice and human rights. Peurla, an Armenian American labor leader, organizer and civil rights activist, became the first woman in the nation to head a basic steel unit. Sylvia Woods was a pioneer in the African Ameri-

can liberation and labor movements, fought sex discrimination, and helped found the National Alliance Against Racism.

Labor activist Vickie Starr, and union member, steel worker, and author, Kathi Wellington Dukes will be special guests at the event. The play was written by Joan McGann Morris and Mary Bonnett with music composed by Ken Morris. For more information, please call Saint Xavier's Women's Studies Department at (773) 298-3550.

## Oak Lawn Library Holiday Schedule

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street, will be closed on Thanksgiving day, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Regular library hours will resume after the holiday. Library hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

## Reavis Students Receive Sheriff's Medal of Honor

Reavis High School, 6034 West 77<sup>th</sup> Street, Burbank, is proud to announce that Senior Mai Shalabi, Junior Robert Huffman, and Junior Nicole Weber have earned the Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor. For their volunteer service activities, the medals are bestowed annually to young people who have demonstrated a commitment to serving others in their community.

Michael Sheahan, Sheriff of Cook County, will honor the Reavis recipients along with other youth volunteers in a special ceremony on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at the James R. Thompson Center Assembly Hall in Chicago.

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## KATHY'S KALIDEOSCOPE

By Kathy Whirity



Worry can be deadly.

My dear husband Bill reminds me of that fact every time I express yet another worry I have concerning the war on terrorism. He predicts that if I keep letting myself get so frustrated over things I cannot control, I'll end up in the loony bin. Though he may be right, I know I am far from alone.

In the past weeks since the World Trade Center was destroyed by Middle Eastern terrorists, the main question being asked is, "Why do 'they' hate us so much?"

Could there ever be a justifiable answer to such heinous, murderous insanity? Up until September 11, how many of us actually worried we'd be forced to defend our freedom against a fanatical regime who claim this to be a holy war? Their maddening goal-to rid the world of non-Islamic worshippers, or infidels.

We have a lot to deal with. Anthrax and the threat of more attacks have left us all on edge.

We are fighting a war we did not provoke or ask for. We are attacking Afghanistan because the terrorists, who brought the war to America, are taking refuge there. Reports of Arab-American communities being critical of U.S. actions are hard to comprehend. As Americans, they too should be demanding the Taliban give up the terrorists. The Taliban should be held accountable for any innocent casualties of war in Afghanistan.

Only in America could you witness Arab-Americans denouncing this country-the country that they call home-by saying their loyalties lie with their brothers in the Middle East.

It makes me wonder what being American really means to them. While these opinions have been a disconcerting reality of this conflict, there are gentle signs of hope for every negative response.

Catholic high school girls donning head scarves as a symbol of solidarity for their Muslim classmates, along with a photo of an elderly Arab-American man expressing his patriotism by carrying a sign stating "Proud to be an American", are proof that tolerance and understanding can be a reality in America.

As I keep track of this war on terrorism via CNN, my confidence in our President and our country is reaching new heights.

We are a great nation, built on freedom and fairness. To our enemies, our kindness has been mistaken as a weakness, but we are stronger than ever.

We all have our share of worries and frustration at this ominous time.

We are learning to live in a different world and we are bravely facing new obstacles with an obstinate determination to overcome the tragedies put upon us.

America will weather this storm of uncertainty, and her people will survive to embrace a rainbow of democracy.

United we will stand!

Good will conquer evil, as good people of each and every faith and color will sing together in harmony freedom's sweet song of victory.

Our nation's leaders and people will persevere and rise to the challenge.

To do anything less would simply be un-American.

## Holiday events at Polish museum

The Polish Museum of America at 984 N. Milwaukee in Chicago, will host a Polish Ornament Workshop on November 17 and 18 from 10 am-3 pm, during their annual PMA Holiday Crystal and Amber Gift Sale.

These workshops are an excellent way to introduce children to the art of traditional Polish ornament making. All who attend will make a three-dimensional woven star.

Fee for the class is \$4 for adults, \$1 for children. Free refreshments will be served.

The PMA Holiday Crystal and Amber Gift Sale will take place from 10am-4pm and will feature imported crystal, assorted toys and books, Polish candy, amber jewelry by the famed Theresa Kowalczyk and much more.

The Museum also will host a Children's Old-Fashioned Christmas Workshop and Lunch on December 8 from

11am-2pm. Children will learn Polish customs and traditions and experience a Christmas Wigilia, the meatless meal celebrated on Christmas Eve. Cost is \$8. Call 773/384-3352 for reservations.

The Polish Museum of America at 984 N. Milwaukee in Chicago will host a Traditional Polish Christmas Eve Customs and Wigilia Dinner on Friday, December 7 at 7 pm.

Experience the ancient and beautiful Polish custom of Wigilia-the traditional meatless meal and Christmas Eve celebration. This event will include a Polish ornament making demonstration, a presentation on Polish customs, and Koledy (Polish Christmas carols).

Reservations are required and can be made by mailing the \$15 adult and \$5 child fee to the museum by December 1.

After baseball, America's favorite pastime may be the process of reinventing itself, continuously redefining its identity and searching for its soul.  
—Brenda Payton

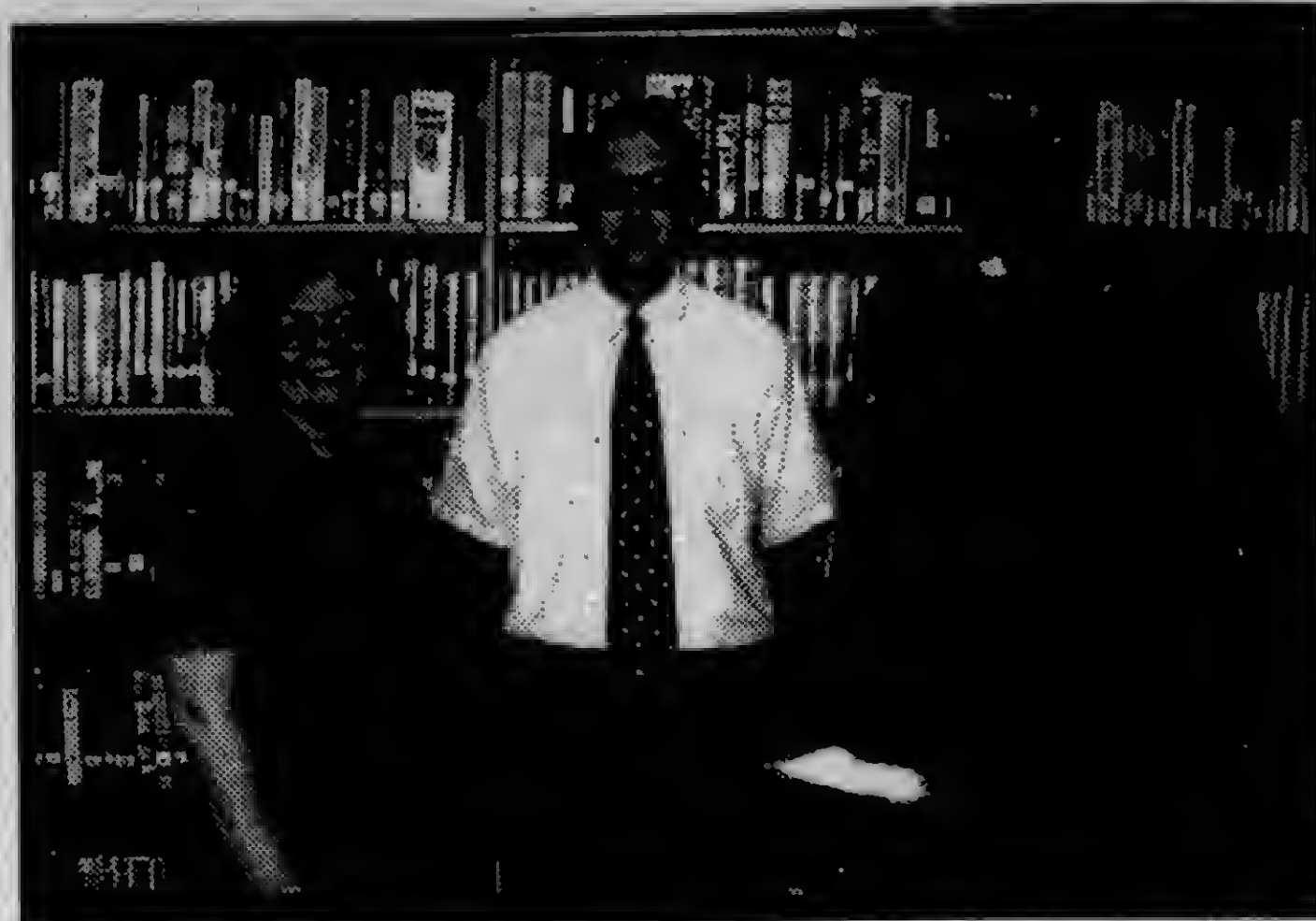
## Garden club holds meeting

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold their November meeting on Thursday, November 15 at the Oakview Center at 4625 W. 110th Street at 9:15 am. The presentation will be *The Differences Between Heirloom and Hybrid Seeds & How to Propagate and Save Seeds*, presented by Mayo Underwood.

Ms. Underwood owns and operates Underwood Gardens in Woodstock, Illinois.

The meeting will be hosted by Pauline Leyerle, Betty Von Holts and Mary Lou Vahl.

Please call 708/424-4846 for information.



## St. Laurence student is scholarship semifinalist

Senior Guidance Counselor Agnes Kosboske and Br. Michael Segvich, Principal of St. Laurence High School, congratulates Nation Merit scholarship Corporation Semifinalist David Upchurch (center) on being one of 16,000 students who are the highest scoring entrants in the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test.

## Military News

Army Maj. Michael Hale has arrived for duty at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

He is the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Hale of Evergreen Park, and a 1986 graduate of Morgan Park High School in Chicago.

He received a bachelor's degree in 1990 from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. In 2000, Hale earned a master's degree from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

Marine Corps Pvt. Kevin Heichert, son of Nancy and Gerald Heichert of Burbank, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

Heichert successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

He and fellow recruits began their training each day at 5 am, by running three miles and performing calisthenics. He also spent numerous hours in the classroom and field assignments, which included first aid, uniform regulations, hand to hand combat, and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Heichert is a 1998 graduate of Lincoln's Challenge Program High School of Rantoul, Illinois.

## Letter to the Editor

To Whom It May Concern:

I have read the articles in the Village View Newspaper on October 16, 2001 and wish to commend Rick Techman for the brilliant articles on "Midway USO Past and Present" and "Today's USO After Ten Years." I have been a volunteer at the USO since 1992, along with seven other wonderful volunteers. I have read many articles about the USO at Midway Airport, but this by far outbeats every one of them. It was as if he was a volunteer himself and could read in our hearts what we felt about our center and how it is run. Thank you, Rick, from all of us here at Midway USO!

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Brad Gillan, student at McGugan Junior High in Oak Lawn, had no problem preparing for his parry position. His quarte was superb and his weapon of choice was the French Foil.



Demonstrating a dual was instructor Paul Martin and Philip Nearing using epee



## Oak Lawn proclaims French week November 4-10th

By Annette Dixon

The goal of National French Week is to take French out of the classroom and into the school and community. Mr. Alan Wax's 7th and 8th grade French class participated and watched a demonstration on fencing. Paul Martin, master fencer, born in London, England has been involved in the school of fencing at the Art Institute and Northeastern. He has been at the Lake Shore Athletic Club since 1998.

Fencing can be an inexpensive sport compared to some but it still requires an investment. Protective gear is needed along with a foil or epee. Philip Nearing, from Chicago teaches martial arts, but has become interested in fencing for its physical discipline and the importance of learning the graceful footwork.

Mr. Nearing demonstrated his talented skills with the saber. He has been training for 5 years.

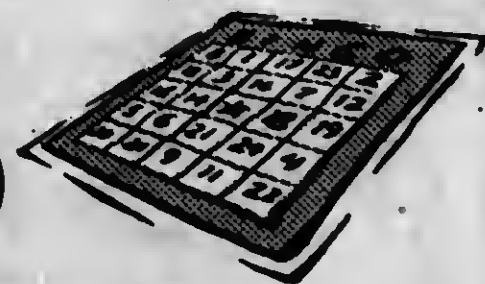
Mr. Wax's first period class said the Pledge of Allegiance in French. It was exciting to hear what is familiar to our ears and recited in another language. How exciting it must be for all the knowledgeable students to be able to communicate in French with one another.

As Mr. Paul Martin explained to the class fencing has many denominators of origin and the French had their hand in classification of skills and names of weapons.

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## "Annie" at the Oak Lawn Park District

Tickets are now on sale for Oak Lawn Park District Theater's production of *Annie*. Executive Producer Paul Nirchi cast himself as the male lead Daddy Warbucks, and Gina Guarino portrays tipsy orphanage director Miss Hannigan. Two actresses will share the title role as Annie, Oak Lawn's Jamie Houlihan and Michele Vanda, with many young actresses cast as orphans and the orphan ensemble.

Additional members of the cast are Oak Lawn residents Sarah Fisher as orphan July, Lisa Dudek as the Star to Be, Curtis Fleharty as President Roosevelt, Kate Looby as Ms. Greer and Jackie Dillon as Jane.

Over 23 little girls from

Oak Lawn were cast in the ensemble and have rehearsed since late September for the show. All the roles of the main orphans were double-cast, giving more young actresses the opportunity to gain stage experience.

Gil Oliva once again lends his skills as set designer, with Julie Kolenda, Mike Nezz and Charlie Misovye rounding out the production staff.

Directed by Dave Heilman, the show will run at the Oak View Center from Nov 9-10, 15-17 and 23-24 at 8 pm, and Nov 11, 18, and 25 at 3 and 8 pm. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$14 for children. Tickets are available at the box office by calling 708/857-2200.



## Rita Coolidge comes to Moraine Valley

Two-time Grammy winner Rita Coolidge will perform the hits that made her famous at Moraine Valley's Fine and

Performing Arts Center's Dorothy Menker Theater on Saturday, December 8 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$26 for adults and \$24 for students and seniors.

Coolidge brings 30 years of experience to the stage. Since her debut album, 1971's *Nice Feelin'*, she has released dozens of successful albums.

In addition to sharing the stage with legends such as Eric Clapton, George Harrison, Bob Dylan and Jimi Hendrix, Coolidge performed tracks for film and TV productions such as *Splash*, *Octopussy*, and *As the World Turns*.

For tickets, please phone the box office at 708/974-5500. A \$1 handling fee applies to phone orders.

## Chicago Southland antique show

The Chicago Southland's Finest Antique Show will be held from November 24-25 at the Tinley Park Convention Center on Harlem and I-80.

120 dealers will be on hand for this show, which is widely considered to be one of the finest antique events in the Chicago area. For information, please contact Thomas Ruane at 815/485-6666.

## Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce luncheon

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting luncheon at noon on Tuesday, November 13 at the Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 S. Cicero Avenue.

The featured speaker will be Robert Walsh, safety awareness director for the Cook County Sheriff's Department.

For reservations, please contact either Linda Olsen at 708/422-4990 or Joan Kennedy at 708/424-8300.

## Child discipline lecture at Bridgeview Library

The Bridgeview Public Library at 7840 W. 79th Street will offer a Child Discipline Lecture on Tuesday, November 6th at 7 pm.

*1,2,3 Magic* focuses on teaching parents simple, precise and effective ways to manage children in the 2-12 year old range.

Please contact Robert Compion, Director of Adult Programming, at 708/458-2880 for more information.



Lorrie Peccatiello, Don Gautreaux and Gary Gow rehearse a scene from the upcoming Palos Village Players production of "Lucky Stiff."

## Palos Village Players present "Lucky Stiff"

The Palos Village Players will present *Lucky Stiff*, a musical comedy by Flaherty and Ahern, at 8pm on November 9, 10, 16, and 17. Also at 2pm on November 11 in the Palos Park Village Hall at 8901 W. 123 rd. Street. The play is about a man who stands to inherit 6 million dollars if he can take his dead uncle's body to Monte Carlo for a week. The problem is that the money has been embezzled from an Atlantic City casino and this results in

many humorous complications.

The nephew is played by Len Weislo. Rounding out the cast are Kathryn Cargill, Peg Crawford, Raima Erkert, Gary Felicetti, Ed Fischer, Don Gautreaux, Gary Gow, David Groebe, Lorrie Peccatiello, Nicole Peccatiello, Laura Petritsch, Chris Sarlas and Irene Schullz.

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## Hispanic Scholar

St. Laurence senior Thomas Garcia of Burbank has been named as Scholar in the National Hispanic Recognition Program. The Program, established in 1983, is a college Board Program that provides national recognition of the exceptional academic achievements of Hispanic high school seniors and identifies them for post secondary institutions. Only 4200 students out of 200,000 students nationwide are recognized as a scholar of mention.

## Durkin introduces bill to protect children from pornography

Two of Illinois top law enforcement officials endorsed a bill requiring computer technicians to contact the police when they observe computer images of child pornography during the course of their work duties, Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan announced recently.

The bill, sponsored by State Representative James Durkin (R-Westchester) is patterned after existing legislation that requires photo technicians to notify police if they develop film that appears to contain possible child pornography. Durkin's bill is intended to update the statute and make it applicable to materials that are found stored in computer drives and software.

"Child pornography is one of the worst forms of abuse in society," Durkin said.

"Those who distribute, manufacture and view child pornography are not passive observers, rather they are predators, or predators in the making."

According to investigators from Cook County Sheriff's Child Exploitation Unit, the tracking of child pornography has shifted from recent years from videotape and printed material to computers.

"Child pornographers no longer rely on photo labs and mail delivery to manufacture and distribute child pornography. They use computers and the Internet," Sheahan said. "Representative Durkin's legislation will update the criminal code and help law enforcement more effectively target the spread of computerized child pornography. I support Representative Durkin's effort."



Meteors coach Brad Esposito congratulates Oak Lawn resident Brian Bogusevic on his acceptance to Tulane University in New Orleans

## De La Salle baseball star going to Tulane

De La Salle Institute is proud to announce that senior Brian Bogusevic of Oak Lawn has decided to attend Tulane University in New Orleans beginning in the fall of 2001. Bogusevic, a pitcher/outfielder for the Meteor's baseball team, chose Tulane over Notre Dame, Dartmouth and Stanford.

Bogusevic will join a Green Wave baseball program that was 56-13 in 2001, won the Conference USA championship and garnered its first-ever trip to the College World Series in Omaha.

"Tulane is a great school academically with a great baseball program," Bogusevic said. "The cam-

pus and the city of New Orleans are beautiful. I liked all of it."

During the 2001 season, in which Bogusevic guided the school to a 30-6 overall record and an 18-1 mark in the Catholic League, he batted .509 with 8 homeruns and 68 RBI.

In addition to his athletic feats, Bogusevic excels in the classroom as an honors student with a 4.64 GPA on a 4.0 scale and is ranked 4th in the senior class.

"Brian is giving himself a great opportunity by going to Tulane," says Meteors head baseball coach Brad Esposito. "He takes care of his books and does well on the field."

## Marist students inducted into honor society

Mr. Patrick Hennessey, Guidance Counselor and moderator of the National Honor Society announced recently the upperclassmen who will be inducted into the Marist High School chapter of the National Honor Society.

Family members and friends will be on hand to attend the induction ceremony on Thursday, November 8 at 7 pm at the school, located on 115th Street in Chicago.

Some of the young men who will be inducted include:

Ed Burke of Evergreen Park, Randall Cebulski of Oak Lawn, Michael Ciapas of Chicago, James Durkin of Oak Lawn, John Evans of Chicago, Jeffery Gwizdalaski of Oak Lawn, Christopher Kantas of Oak Lawn, Matthew Lucki of Chicago, and James Vizza of Oak Lawn.



## Millikin University Names New Member of Women's Ensemble

Jennifer Joy of Burbank has been selected as a member of Millikin University's Women's Ensemble for the 2001-2002 season. Joy, a Musical Theater major, was chosen through an audition process.

Millikin's Women's Ensemble has a long-standing tradition of excellence. The Ensemble is a select group of 65 singers, all of whom are first year students. The choir frequently receives special invitations for performances state wide. Joy is a graduate of Reavis High School.

## Annual PLOWS Luncheon Honors Village Volunteers

PLOWS Council on Aging continues to provide services for older adults in the PLOWS area (Palos, Lemont, Orland, and Worth townships). Nominating organizations honored deserving seniors with a certificate of appreciation at a special luncheon at the Lexington House on October 26th.

Evergreen Park Mayor James Sexton and Jolene Churak, Director of Citizens' Services, attended in honor of the nominees and award winner. Madeline Cassi, Gen Kondracke, and Marianne Brashinger were nominated for outstanding service, and Ann Dykstra received the award in memoriam for her husband, Harold, who served on the Village Pantry Coalition.

## Marist High School to Hold Open House

The Marist High school Community invites all grade school students and their parents to attend the Marist Annual Open House to be held on Sunday, No-

vember 11th from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at Marist High School, located at 4200 West 115th Street in Chicago.

Marist Student Ambassadors will be guiding tours throughout the campus. The administration, faculty guidance counsel-

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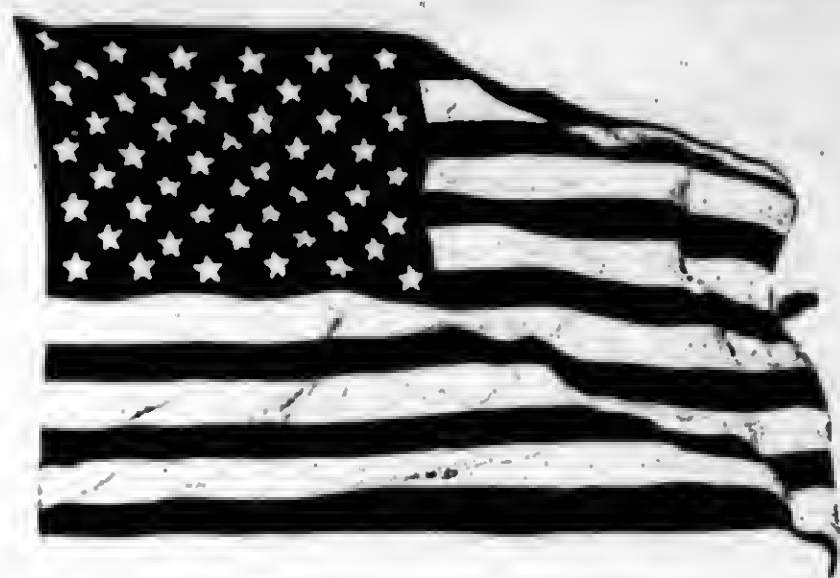
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## Have Faith In Time Of Deep Despair

By Eugene B. Habecker  
American Bible Society

(NU)—Consider this: On March 27, 1994, a tornado roared through Piedmont, Alabama, and killed 20 people, including six children.

Now, consider this: It was Palm Sunday, a day of joy in the Christian calendar, and all 20 victims were in church—Goshen United Methodist Church, to be precise. The church was destroyed, as were two other nearby churches, although no one was hurt in those structures.

How could God allow such a thing to happen—innocent people killed in what they believe to be the safest place on earth and to cause grief to so many others?

This is an age-old question. What gives it special pertinence is that the minister of the Goshen Church, the Rev. Kelly Clem, was forced to face not only the general loss, but a very personal loss as well. Her four-year-old daughter, Hannah, was among the six children who were killed.

Mrs. Clem and her husband, Dale, who also is a minister, did face the question — and answered it.

It was wind and not God, they said, that killed their daughter.

"My God is a God of hope," Dale Clem said. "It is never His will for anyone to die."

"Having your faith shaken is not the same as losing it," said Kelly Clem.

At funeral services for the Clems' daughter, the Rev. Bobby Green put it this way: "People have asked, 'Why did it happen in a church?' There is no reason. Our faith is not determined by reason. Our faith is undergirded by belief, when there is no reason."

And so, like mourners throughout the ages, they turn to the Bible for consolation, with such words as, "I look to the hills. Where will I find help? It will come from the Lord, who created the heavens and the earth."

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Dr. Habecker is president of The American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, NY 10023. His radio commentary, "The Open Book," is heard on stations nationwide. For more information about the work and program of ABS, call toll-free 1-800-322-4253.

News USA

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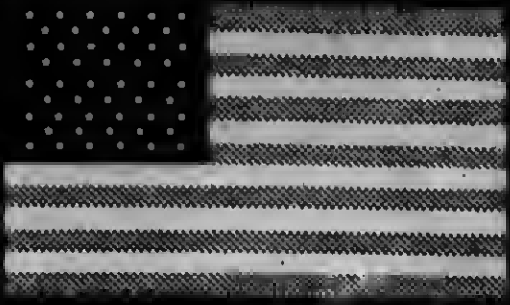
As we steel ourselves for a long and difficult war, the sight of Blue Star Banners in homes will remind us of the personal sacrifices being made to preserve our way of life.

This Veterans Day, we urge all Americans to remember those in uniform today, as well as the veterans of generations past. Their sacrifice to preserve freedom and opportunity for us all deserves our heartfelt thanks.

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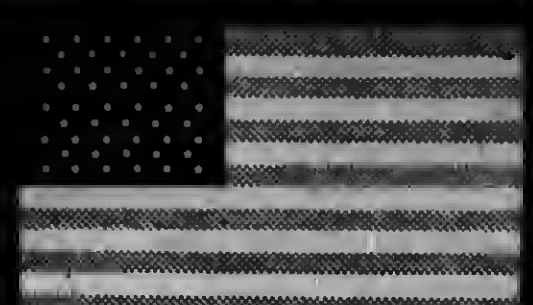
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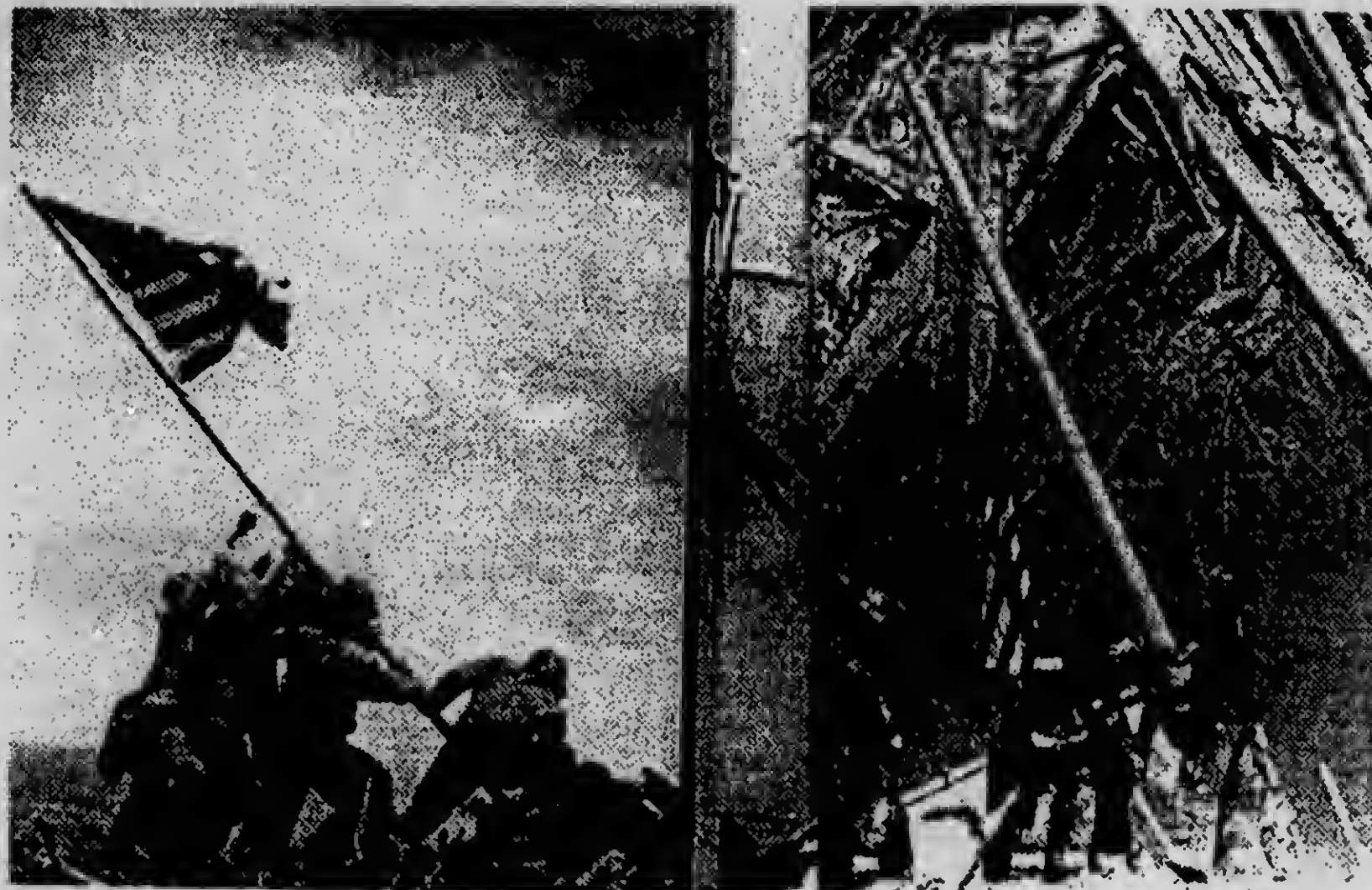


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## College Illinois! accepts new enrollment

*College Illinois!*, the state's 529 prepaid tuition program, began its fourth annual enrollment period on October 31, 2001-March 27, 2002. This 529 college funding option is administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) and allows participants to prepay tomorrow's tuition and fees at today's prices.

Established in 1997, *Col-*

*lege Illinois!* is currently the eighth largest prepaid tuition plan in the country with more than 22,000 contracts purchased since its inception. The program has approximately \$300 million committed to date with \$155 million in assets currently invested.

New federal legislation passed over the summer has helped make the *College Illinois!* program even more beneficial in terms of tax advantages. Thanks in part to the Economic Growth and Tax Reconciliation Act, program benefits now will be 100% exempt from federal income tax on January 1, 2001.

Please call toll-free at 1/877-877-3724 for details.

Hometown and Oak Lawn are communities that have supported the values our veterans have defended in the past and our service people continue to defend today. This patriotic evening allows area residents to come together to show their appreciation to the veterans, service men and women, police officers, firefighters and emergency workers who have made service to country and community a priority. Please call 424-7471 for more details.

## Open Mike Short Story and Poetry Readings

Budding wordsmiths and people who enjoy listening to original creative works are invited to attend an Open Mike Short Story and Poetry Reading on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street, in their lower level meeting room. Admission is free.

Bring your best piece and register at the door to read. Sign up begins at 2 p.m. The following time limits will apply: Poetry (five minutes) and Short Stories (10 minutes). Coffee and light refreshments will be served.



## Teacher of the year

Mrs. Elaine Behnke, a teacher at St. Paul Lutheran School in Oak Lawn received the Teacher of the Year Award from the Northern Illinois district of Lutheran Schools. This award is for all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teachers in more than 90 Lutheran schools in the district, with a membership of over 800 teachers. Mrs. Behnke has been a dedicated teacher at Lutheran Schools for 30 years, and for the past four years she has taught the 3rd grade at St. Paul.

## Free Blood Pressure Screenings Offered

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free Blood Pressure Screenings on Wednesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon to 2 p.m. in the lower level meeting room of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Christ Hospital and Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools, and the community. The Partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call Peggy Daudell at Christ Hospital, (708) 346-3289, or the library, at (708) 422-4990.

## Our Lady of Loretto honors veterans

Our Lady of Loretto Parish is hosting an Evening of Patriotic Unity and Reflection on Sunday, November 11 at 7 pm in the church, located at 8925 S. Kostner in Hometown. This Veteran's Day program will pay a special tribute to the veterans, police and fire departments of Hometown and Oak Lawn. All are invited to attend this spirited hour of patriotic songs and readings.

## St. Xavier's Chamber University

St. Xavier University's Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Martha Morris, will be performing on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. in McGuire Hall on the University's main campus, 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago.

The orchestra will be performing the *London Every-*

*day Suite* by Eric Coates, *Overture to Orpheus in the Underworld* by Offenbach and *Rose Adagio* from the *Sleeping Beauty Suite* by Tchaikovsky.

Admission is a suggested donation of \$6 General Admission, \$5 for students and senior citizens. Proceeds will go toward music scholarships for St. Xavier students.

For more information call (773) 298-3421.

The tomato came to Italy from Mexico and Peru through Spain. In the 16th century as an ornamental plant first thought to be poisonous.



# Memorial Day Lesson Children Must Learn To Give, Not Take

By Father Val Peter  
Boys Town

(NU)—When I was 19, I left the United States for Europe to study and did not return to America to live until six years later.

It was during those years living in the Mediterranean Basin that my love for America grew bolder and bolder.

What's right with America are the principles of freedom and self-government. What's right with America are the millions of virtuous people who make up loyal and dedicated families. They're solid, hard workers, good citizens and patriots all.

On Memorial Day, we remember especially those young Americans who gave their lives in the service of this country. We need to remind our children of these heroes who gave their lives for the freedoms we enjoy.

Why are they heroes? Because they believed that the meaning of life is giving, not taking. They gave—to the last ounce of their devotion.

Oh yes, there are commentators who will tell us, over and over again, about the politics of the various wars we have fought and about the shortcomings of our leaders in these conflicts. Perhaps much of this is true.

But it doesn't detract one iota from the fact that these young men and women gave their lives for our country.

They devoted themselves to something greater than themselves. They walked away from selfishness and self-centeredness. How much our young people need to learn today that the meaning of life is giving, not taking.

Someone reminded me recently of Robert Browning's "Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came." It is a beautiful poem about a young boy who goes to do battle against the forces of evil, forces which have abducted his sister.

The young man is ill-prepared in so many ways, except one. He loves his sister and is ready to lay down his life for her. That illustrates so profoundly

the point of Memorial Day. No greater love than this does anyone have.

Take time this Memorial Day to read John McCrae's "In Flanders Fields" and pay attention especially to the last verse:

*"Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies  
grow in Flanders fields."*

May our boys and girls learn from these heroes that the meaning of life is giving, not taking.

Father Peter is executive director of Boys Town, the famous home for troubled boys and girls in Boys Town, Nebraska, and in California, New York, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Nevada, Rhode Island, Iowa, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

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Tyson Foods at [www.tyson.com](http://www.tyson.com).



## Government departments come together to help people with disabilities

Governor George Ryan recently announced the Illinois Department on Aging and the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) each has been awarded grants to supplement existing efforts to help people with disabilities.

The Department on Aging has been awarded a \$174,684 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to help elderly parents of adult children with developmental disabilities better plan for their current and future needs. DHS was awarded an \$800,000 grant to help persons with disabilities and long term illnesses remain in their communities.

"Receiving these grants is an indication that we are on the right track in having state agencies work in partnership with each other to provide the most comprehensive services available," said the Governor.

Through the grant, the Illinois Department of Aging will collaborate with the DHS, the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities, researchers at the University of Illinois, Chicago and local

service providers to identify families in need. The Illinois Department on Aging will then assist them with services and case management, as well as refer them to support groups.

The grant is a component of the new National Family Caregiver Support Program established as part of the Older Americans Act. The State of Illinois is matching the grant in the amount of \$58,228.

One of the goals of the DHS strategic plan is to promote the development of an independent living services system. Agencies like DHS can work together with other stakeholders to address strategic priorities.

Grant funds will be used to strengthen the partnership and to develop, locate and maintain affordable housing options, along with necessary community based supports, for people with disabilities. A State Inter Agency Team will serve as the primary coordination vehicle among and between government partners and consumers.

Guild's evening program, will present a program on how to stitch a Christmas ornament, also at the Oakview Center.

All are welcome to attend either meeting. Please call 708/857-2200.



## Hospital staff speaks at St. Laurence

Staff members of Christ Hospital of Oak Lawn, (left to right Cathy Brock, Debbie Calace, Marianne Reed) speak to sophomores in Mr. Marco's science class at St Laurence High School about the medical profession. The class was also given a chance to ask questions concerning their interests in the field, course requirements and how to go about pursuing a medical career.

## Christ Hospital tests new wound treatment

A wound treatment that contains elements of the body's own natural, tissue repairing substances is being tested at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn as a potential new, more effective option for healing foot ulcers in diabetic patients.

The treatment involves application of an absorbent, fibrous fleece or rope to the wound. The fleece contains hyaff, a component of hyalu-

ronic acid, which is found naturally in the body and plays a major role in tissue repair and wound healing.

If shown to be effective, the new treatment could play an integral role in decreasing the number of amputations in this country, thereby reducing health care costs and enhancing quality of life for patients with diabetes.

Christ Medical center at 708-346-5181.

## Non citizens need proper papers to get card

By Rosalie Thompson  
Social Security  
District Manager

A recent change in the Illinois Secretary of State's policy has led many non-citizen's to believe that they can get Social Security Numbers without presenting evidence of their status in this country or by merely stating a Social Security number is needed to get a license. Although the Secretary of State has changed its policy, the Social Security Administration's (SSA) policy on issuing Social Security numbers to non-citizens has not changed.

SSA will not issue Social Security numbers to non-citizens unless they have Immigration and Naturalization's Service (INS) permission to work in the U.S. or a valid non-work

reason.

"Most people who are not U.S. citizens and not authorized to work in the U.S., do not need a Social Security number-even when they don't have INS permission to work."

Illinois is one of ten states that require a Social Security number for licensing purposes. A non-citizen who does not have permission to work but still needs an SSN for a driver's license must present a letter from the State along with valid INS documents for a SSN to be issued.

The letter must specifically include the applicant's name, cite the law requiring they have an SSN and indicate that they meet all the Agency's requirements to receive the benefits or services, except having the number.

Non-citizens can obtain many services and benefits without having a SSN. The IRS now issues Taxpayer Identification Numbers to those who need them for tax purposes.

Please call the national toll-free number 1-800-772-1213 for more information, or visit [www.ssa.gov/immigration](http://www.ssa.gov/immigration).

## Orange card helps seniors with high cost of prescriptions

Lower income senior citizens and persons with disabilities now have another option in paying for the high cost of prescription drugs.

A pharmaceutical and healthcare company, GlaxoSmith Kline, recently unveiled a program to offer direct savings on its outpatient prescription medicines. The Orange Card program is open to anyone age 65 or older and disabled individuals who are enrolled in Medicare.

To qualify for the Orange Card program, participants must lack public or private prescription drug coverage, such as Medicaid, and have an annual income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level (currently \$26,000 for a single person or \$35,000 for a couple).

Applying for the Orange Card is free and easy. Applications are available from your doctor or by calling toll free to 1-888-ORANGE6. The program begins Jan. 1, 2002, but applications are currently available.

## Marist students help with anti drug program

Marist High School students recently helped at St. Bede the Venerable School with a drug awareness program called "Snowflake".

Tim O'Gorman, Kevin Shannon and Sean Fahy of Chicago are graduates of St. Bede who volunteered for this day-long event to make St. Bede student more aware of the dangers of drugs.

The day consisted of speakers, discussion, role-playing, prayer and fun. There was an adult leader, as well as a high school student with each group. All involved spent several evenings preparing for this important event.

## Needlepoint program at Oakview

Cheryl Horvart from Village Needleworks will present a program on needlepoint, how to select threads, and stitching on painted canvas on November 20th from 9am-12 Noon at the Oakview Center in Oak Lawn.

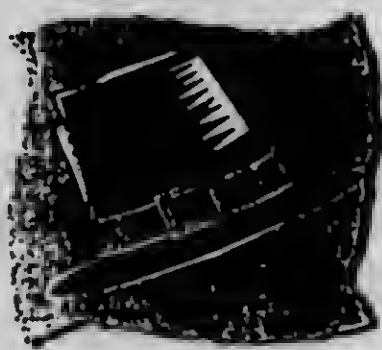
Also on November 20th, Ronna Page and Carol Schael, program chairs for Beverly Hills Embroiders

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By Erin Traynor

## Re-Tales: Stories from the other side of the cash wrap

"It's not even Thanksgiving yet!"

Around this time each year for the past twelve years, I have heard that phrase about fifty times a day. It's been directed at me by people of all ages and colors, of both sexes, with humor, by mostly with not-so-subtle disgust. Each person who ever said it truly believed they were the first to do so. For twelve years, I rolled my eyes.

"A little early, don't you think? It's not even Thanksgiving yet!" Grandmotherly types would say, shaking their heads at me as though I were the one who chose the set date, rather than some guy in a suit at the corporate office.

"Oh, no! My calendar must be wrong!" I'd reply.

"Please tell me those aren't Christmas trees—it's not even Thanksgiving yet!" Moms with multiple crying children would moan.

"Okay, they're not trees," I'd offer. "They're kittens."

See, I am the display manager of a major national department store (the one without America's tallest building that rhymes with "bears"). It is my job to put up Christmas decorations in the store. In most people's eyes, that puts me in the same loveable category as oral surgeons and telemarketers who call during *The West Wing*.

Perhaps it is the fact that the sudden decking of the halls is a cruel reminder to people that yet another year has passed by in a heartbeat. One minute you're complaining about the humid weather and the next, there's holly and ivy everywhere! (Also, contrary to popular opinion, the decorations don't go up "earlier and earlier" every year. It's been the same time for as long as I've had my job. Time just flies as you get older. I mean when you're having fun.) I can assure you that, until this year, people complained when the first jolly tree appeared. They moaned and groaned.

This year was different.

My assistants and I prepared ourselves for the yearly tradition of verbal abuse as we loaded trees and wreaths on to our work carts last week. We carefully planned replies (sarcastic enough to give people the hini without getting us fired) to the endless stream of comments. Then, as we

hoisted the first tree up on to a ledge, a funny thing happened.

"Looks good, girls!" Smiled an elderly man as he gave us the thumbs-up sign.

"When you're done here, can you do my house?" Joked a middle-aged mom.

It is a different world. Two months ago, a group of evil people forever changed the New York skyline a thousands of lives. People began, as people do in a crisis, to take stock of what is important, and happiness and family topped most everyone's lists. What can be happier than the holidays?

I did not vote for our President or agree with much of what he stood for before September 11, but I do now. We must live our lives. We must not do what the terrorists hope we will do, which is to live in fear. We must, as our President says, *shop*. Now is not the time to hoard our money for the fear of what may happen to our economy. To do so will affect our economy.

As the world has changed, so have stores. The threat of a downward falling economy has led most retailers, like so many other businesses, to cut staff. This means less cashiers will be on hand this year to take your money. You will wait longer in line to buy Uncle Fred that robe he's wanted. Also, the public is stressed about the situation our country is in, tensions are high, so instead of "the most wonderful time of the year" that Jolinn Mathis sings of, fellow shoppers may make it seem more like the most *maddening* time of the year.

Still, I am sure you've wondered, now that you've sent your check out to New York and have your flag flying in front of your home, just what you can do to help.

Just like the brave Americans in the 1940's who collected scrap metal and bacon grease, grew victory gardens and used ration points, *you* can do your part. Stimulate the economy. Ask not what your country can do for you, but which store has the best sale on sweaters. Make your president proud. *Shop*. It's your patriotic duty.

## Reavis Celebrates the Fine Arts

Reavis High School, located at 6034 West 77<sup>th</sup> Street in Burbank, Illinois, is planning two fall events highlighting the accomplishments of students in the fine arts.

The Drama Department will be presenting "1776" on November 8, 9, and 10 in the Grossman Auditorium.

The most important event in American History blazes to vivid life in this most unconventional of musical theater hits. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5. General admission, \$3. For students, and senior citizens are complimentary. Group rates are available.

The Art Department will be presenting its first Art Show of the year concurrently with our musical on November 8-10 in the

Auditorium Lobby from 7-10 p.m. The work of gifted Reavis students will be displayed.

For more information about these two events, call (708) 599-7200 (Ext. 298).



## Fibromyalgia Support Group

The Fibromyalgia Support Group will meet promptly at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Oak Lawn Library, 9427 South Raymo. Ave, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

For additional information, call Colette at (708) 857-7478.

## Treat Yourself to a "Festival of Lights"

The Evergreen Park Office of Citizens' Services is planning a popular overnight trip to the Festival of Lights Par-a-Dice

## Long Grove and Cuneo Lights Trip Planned

The Evergreen Park Office of Citizens' Services is planning a one-day trip to Long Grove and Cuneo Lights on Friday, November 30 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The trip includes round trip motor coach transportation, delicious luncheon at Quiga County Restaurant, a visit to Long Grove's unique boutiques and the Pine Cone Christmas Shop, a tour of the Cuneo Museum and the Italian Renaissance mansion. The highlight of the day will be the "Winter Wonderland Christmas Lights" drive on the grounds of the Cuneo Museum and Gardens.

Price for the outing is \$52., and tickets are still available. Contact Jolene Churak at the Office of Citizens' Services at (708) 422-8776 for more details.

Casino Overnighter from Tuesday, December 11 to Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. The Trip includes a round-trip motor coach transportation, the Festival of Lights tour in East Peoria, Par-a-Dice Riverboat Casino, Zellmer's Dinner Theatre (matinee performance of "Holidazzle 2001"), Fairview Farms Dinner, Four meals of \$10 in "Travelchecks."

The cost of the trip is \$199 for single, \$169 for double, and \$159 for triple. Make your reservation now for this fun trip. For more information, call Jolene Churak at (708) 422-8776.

## Library Board Changed

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. which is one week earlier than usual. The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees regularly meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public in the library's Oak Lawn Rotary Room, lower level. Library Board members are Joann Buschbach, president; Shirley Barrett, vice president; Robert Honkisz, secretary; Marian Sullivan, treasurer, Lois Gasteyer, Frank March, and Patricia Roberts, trustees.

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## Lura Lynn Ryan gets flowers and pennies from children

At a recent reception Illinois First Lady Lura Lynn Ryan was presented flowers and also pennies for the Lincoln Library & Museum, Children's Section called Mrs. Lincoln's Attic. Pictured from left: Andrea Gobel, Julie Winter, Alexandra Campbell, Mrs. Ryan, Tommy Winter and Emily Winter.

## Oak Lawn Park District Offers Winter Skating Lessons

Ready to learn a new skill? Curious to see how your favorite Olympic skater spins and jumps? The Oak Lawn Ice Arena will begin accepting new student registrations for its winter session of ice-skating lessons on Mon., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> for residents of Oak Lawn, and Tues., Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> for non-residents. The session will run Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> through Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. Lessons, which follow the guidelines of the Ice Skating Institute for recreational skating and testing, are offered for individuals age three and up three days per week. Various lesson times are available.

Newly skating preschoolers should register for the Tot I class, where children are introduced to ice skates, balance, starting, and stopping. Older children who are beginners, should sign up for the Pre-Alpha class, which teaches basic skating skills and techniques. Adults and seniors can sign up for the Adult class, which separates participants by ability: beginners through advanced.

"Children in our program learn basic skating

skills, self-discipline, and the value of skating for fun," says Tina Pluta, skating school manager. "Our adult skaters can add a new challenge to life, follow a long-lost dream, take time for themselves and remember what it was like to be a kid again, enjoying activities just for the fun of it."

Classes are taught by a staff of 25 instructors with special skills, abilities and techniques. Some instructors focus on basic techniques, while others focus on more defined and challenging skills. According to Pluta, the skating school staff has developed skaters into strong regional and national competitors over the years.

Ice skating registration is accepted at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena, located at 9320 South Kenton Ave. in Oak Lawn. Fees vary by class level and residency status. For more class information or a free brochure, call (708) 857-5173 or e-mail [info@olparks.com](mailto:info@olparks.com).

## Family Bowling

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 South Ridgeland, Oak Lawn, is having a Family Bowling Social at Bleekers Bowl, 3447 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street, Evergreen Park, on Sunday, November 18 at 1 p.m. Three games for \$9 will be offered, with shoe rental included. For more information, call Linda at (708) 425-6957.

## Oak Lawn Library Offers "Billy Budd" Opera Lecture

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street, will host a free lecture on the opera "Billy Budd" Sunday, November 18 at 2 p.m. in their lower level auditorium. At this information session, a member from the Lyric Opera of Chicago Lecture Corps will describe the plot, give background on the composer, Benjamin Britten, and play musical selections. This event is sponsored by the Friends of

## Celebrate "New Year's Eve at Noon"

Join OCS in the celebration of New Year's Eve at Noon in the Crystal Ballroom of the Martinique on Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from Noon to 4 p.m. There will be music, dancing, good food, party favors, and entertainment featuring Eddie Cash. Complete dinner (choice of prime rib or scrod) and two cocktails will be provided.

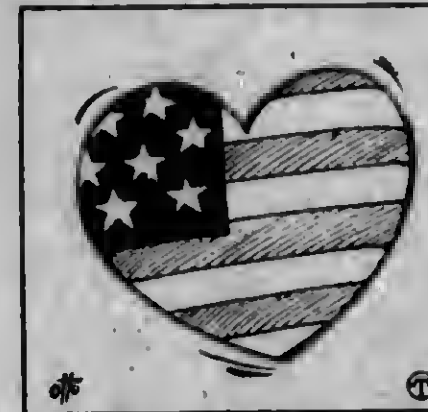
Tickets are \$45. Per person and are available now for purchase at the Office of Citizens' Services. Get your friends together for this special party and make your reservations now! For complete details call Jolene Churak at (708) 422-8776.

## "Stress" Lecture Offered by Metro Family Services

Sharon Wagner and Dawn Barnes from the Metro Family Services will be presenting a lecture on positive mental health in adults, children, and families, and how to handle stress especially during the challenging times that our nation is under due to the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks. The lecture will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in Moraine Room 2 at Moraine Valley Community College, College Center Building, 10900 South 88<sup>th</sup> Ave., Palos Hills. The lecture is free and everyone is welcome. No reservations are necessary. For more information about this event, call Teeri Pluta at (708) 598-0075.

## GOOD CITIZENSHIP Help for Survivors of Attack on America

(NAPS)—Many American families will be in need of long-term assistance as a result of our recent national tragedy. An international relief and development organization has established an interfaith fund to assist them.



A new fund has been created to provide long-term relief aid to American families.

## Flu Shots Offered at Little Company Care Station

The Oak Lawn Care Station, a Little Company of Mary Affiliates Facility, is pleased to offer flu shots to the community. Flu shots are especially recommended for people 50 and older. Shots will be available while supplies last for \$20 at the Care Station, 5660 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Lawn, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. While walk-ins are welcome, those who make appointments will be seen first. Please call (708) 499-2273 for further information and appointments.

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If everything was in your favor, if you did not have to surmount any great mountains, then you have nothing to be proud of. But if you feel that you have special difficulties, then you must indeed be proud of your achievement.  
—Eleanor Roosevelt  
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## Keep Our Country Free

by Linda DuPuy

Divided we'll fall, but united we'll stand, And with God's help, we'll walk hand in hand. Together, we'll keep our country free, Keep our country free for you and for me.

America, the land of the free, Was put here by God for you and for me. It's our responsibility to keep it this way, From Plymouth Rock to the San Francisco Bay.

Others may think our country's wrong, But we'll defend her, all the day long. 'Cause many have died to make her free, And that's the way we want our country to be.

So let the many trials we've endured be a test, And let it prove how great we are to the rest. We won't let terrorists take our freedom away. We have the greatest land and that's how it will stay.

Divided we'll fall, but united we'll stand, And with God's help, we'll walk hand in hand. Together we'll keep our country free, Keep our country free for you and for me.



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# Is Prolonging Life Worth It?

By Jack D. Gordon  
Hospice Foundation

(NU)—If someone told you there was a national policy that promoted costly bad medicine and inhumane, lingering misery for patients without realistic hope, you might find it hard to believe. Unfortunately, it's true.

Congress has a special department called the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) to help it evaluate scientific matters. OTA describes the condition of health care in the United States as a chronic "technological imperative to treat." That's fancy language for activities that are often inappropriate and wasteful, but done because the machinery is available.

Here's how it works: some new "gee whiz" equipment is developed. In some

cases, the machinery may help avoid surgery or pinpoint a difficult problem. Those are worthwhile uses because using the machine saves patient suffering and saves money. But the excesses—unnecessary use, monopolistic pricing—make technology more our master than our servant.

Even worse, often technology prolongs dying, leaving us neither better nor feeling very well, but in some painful zone between life and death. If you know how to care for a kidney even while lungs or heart are breaking down, you may do it because the machinery is there. Whether that is a favor to a patient is questionable at best.

Are there alternatives? Yes! For some people with a terminal illness, hospice care is a viable option. The goal of hospice is to prolong meaningful life

by minimizing pain and maximizing alertness without attempting to cure the patient.

By choosing hospice care one can spend his or her last few weeks or months primarily at home surrounded by loved ones. Hospice services include bereavement counseling as well as medical supervision and a social worker to assist the patient and the entire family to understand death as part of living. It can be faced with courage in the absence of false hope.

Hospice Foundation exists to increase understanding of the hospice philosophy. For more information, call 1-800-854-3402, or write to the Hospice Foundation, Dept. NU, One S.E. 3rd Avenue, Miami FL 33131.

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## Painless Probate

Probate: while it's a small word, it makes many people cringe. Probate is the process by which property of a deceased person is inventoried and accounted for, the debts and taxes paid, and the remainder passed along to its new owners and titled in their names. The local probate court and its administrative office, the Probate Clerk or the Register or Registrar of Wills, oversees the probate process.

The process includes a number of steps and the average length of probate generally takes about a year.

Steps include:

- Proving the will's validity or that no will exists. If a will was not properly prepared or witnessed, the judge can decide to ignore the will's instructions.
- Officially confirming the personal representative named in the will, or appointing one when there is no will.
- Informing the affected parties, such as creditors, heirs and other beneficiaries, that probate has started.
- Filing an inventory and appraisal of the property.
- Paying creditors, taxes and fees.
- Preparing a final accounting.
- Distributing the remaining property to beneficiaries.
- Closing the estate.

Probate is not always necessary. Property that is owned jointly passes by law to the surviving co-owner(s) through a right of survivorship. Married couples typically own their homes this way. Non-probate property also includes life insurance and pension benefits that are paid to others and property owned in trust.

Probate property includes:

- Property that's owned—titled—in your name alone.
- Property owned jointly without a right of survivorship (as tenants in common).
- Life insurance paid to the estate.
- In community property states, a spouse's share of the marital property. Such property, called probate property, is subject to

the probate court's oversight whether or not the person who died left a will.

### Revocable Living Trusts

The revocable living trust enables people to pass property after death to family, friends and others. It's just like a will, except that property placed in a living trust avoids probate.

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The settlor creates the trust by placing property into the trust's name. A trust doesn't take effect until there is property placed within it. When setting up a trust, it's also a good idea to write a "pour-over will" that passes to the trust (after probate) any property that was not placed in the trust.

Although living trusts may cost much less than a will and probate, ask some questions before rushing off to work on your living trust.

- Can you afford a living trust's higher up-front cost?
- Is your estate small enough to qualify for expedited probate or other simplified procedures? Some probate proceedings are cheaper and quicker than others. With some procedures, probate is the least expensive option.
- If you write a will, can someone handle your estate's probate without using an attorney? If the answer is yes, and your local probate court supports do-it-yourself probate, the cost of a will is much reduced.

Source: American Association of Retired Persons

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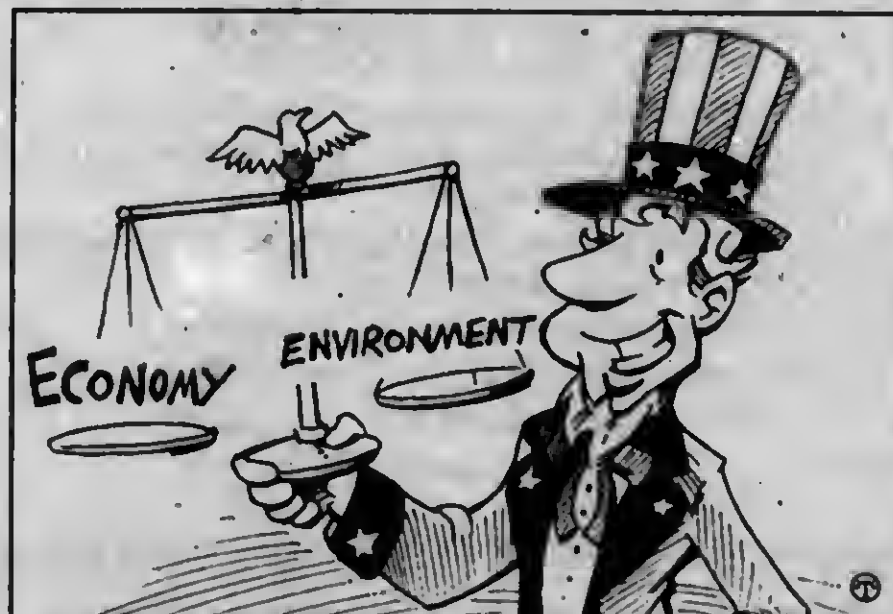
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

## More Federal Assistance for Chicagoland Water Projects

Congressman Bill Lipinski announced the conference report for HR 2311, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002, contains funding for a number of important water infrastructure projects in Chicagoland. The conference report is the final version of the bill, and it was approved on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> by the House of Representatives by a vote of 374 to 52.

"These projects will help improve our quality of life," explained Lipinski. "They will help provide important flood control benefits, protect the environment, and improve property values. I am pleased to play a role in securing these funds. I am committed to working to make our community an even better place to live for our families."

The funds will be directed towards several projects that are administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Lipinski is the senior Illinois member on the influential House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which has jurisdiction over the Army Corps. Those projects include \$500,000 for the Cook County Environmental Infrastructure Program, \$400,000 for the Village of Riverside's Hoffman Dam Project, \$25 million for the Chicago Shoreline Project, and \$17 million for the McCook and Thornton Reservoirs of the Deep Tunnel Project.

## AMERICA'S HERITAGE

### Letters From Home

(NAPS)—During the Civil War, letters from home took on heightened meaning. These writings were the source of morale, courage and romance. Since mail was scarce, soldiers shared messages from home with their comrades. Letters were often



"Civil War Minutes" narrator Michael Kraus reads from a soldier's diary.

read aloud in the evenings or passed from soldier to soldier. Everyone found reassurance in inspirational words, even if they were orig-

inally meant for someone else. Letters from home were carried into the heat of battle, one remaining comfort from home.

Tattered pages, fortunate to have survived the war, provide an intimate look into the mind of the American soldier. They share enduring love stories, the emotional chaos of the Lincoln assassination, and first-hand accounts of the battlefield.

"Civil War Minutes" is a DVD and video program that uses soldiers' letters to explain how they lived. It's narrated by Michael Kraus, historical consultant for the film *Gettysburg*. Kraus hopes making this video will preserve the thoughts of these soldiers for generations to come.

For more information on these exciting and educational video and DVD programs, visit [www.CivilWarMinutes.com](http://www.CivilWarMinutes.com) or call 1-877-201-7040.

The smallest horse in history was named Little Stallion. He stood 14 inches and weighed 20 pounds.

## Illinois CPA Society has tips for new tax laws

The Illinois CPA Society recommends that you consider the impact of lower tax rates and other changes from The Tax Act of 2001.

**Smart ways to defer income:** If you are self employed or a freelancer, you can defer income by delaying billing until late December. That way, you won't receive payment until next year. If you're an employee, you might try deferring a bonus until January and hold off on exercising a stock option. However you can't hold off cashing checks because you're taxed on income in the year that is "constructively received."

**How to accelerate deductions:** You can accelerate deductions by stocking up on office supplies, prepaying subscriptions and shopping for business equipment. You may write off up to \$24,000 in business equipment but it has to be in your office and ready for use by December 31. Ordering it does not

count. If you're a taxpayer you can speed up deductions by paying property tax bill and state income taxes by December 31.

**Step up charitable contributions:** If you plan to itemize deductions on your 2001 tax return, consider whether you can afford to increase your charitable contributions. With tax brackets going down next year, your tax savings will be higher this year on the same donation.

**Make "Catch-Up" 401 K contribution:** Contributions to 401(k) plans can be made with pre-tax dollars, thus lowering your taxable income. Some companies will allow you to "catch up" or in other words increase your contribution to the maximum by having additional contributions deducted from your pay.

For more information you can visit the Illinois CPA Society's website at [www.icpas.org](http://www.icpas.org) or call (312)993-0309.



Pictured are Thomas Ondrta, Brother Michael Segvich, Principal, and the students of St. Laurence on the day the announcement was made.

## St. Laurence launches "A Foundation for Leadership"

Mr. Thomas Ondrta, President of St. Laurence High School, has announced that St. Laurence will be launching a 5 year Capital Campaign, *A Foundation for Leadership*, with a goal of 1.85 million dollars.

The announcement is the result of a year's work by over 175 people including alumni, alumni parents, current students and their parents, local politicians, faculty and staff and local business figures. These participants in task teams reviewed the entire school and offered a plan to propel the school into the future.

Part of this plan focuses on funding for physical improvements in the grounds and facilities, and new science and tech labs. President Ondrta is happy to announce that over one million dollars of the goal has already been reached in actual contributions and pledges and that the campaign is in its final stages of securing the total goal. "The contributions and pledges of so many people made already are indicative of the confidence, faith and pride they have in Saint Laurence," said Ondrta. "Their willingness to so quickly step forward and

support this effort shows how eager they are for Saint Laurence to continue its excellent work."

The school celebrated its 40th anniversary this past year and the campaign will insure that the school will have a continuous bright future for many more years.

"This is an exciting time for St. Laurence," said Ondrta. "I encourage all those who are part of the St. Laurence family to join our efforts, to be part of the exciting future which awaits St. Laurence High School."

## Gov. Ryan applauds companies for reducing pollution

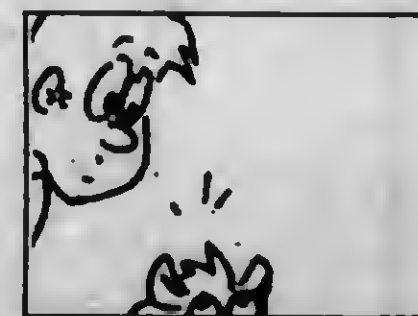
Governor George Ryan recently commended 17 companies for their achievements in reducing toxic air emissions and hazardous, solid and liquid wastes in presenting the 15th annual Governor's Pollution Prevention Awards.

"These businesses are leaders in their industries because of their ongoing commitment to the environment,

their communities and their employees," Ryan said.

The 17 companies who received awards reported pollution prevention projects with combined annual savings of more than \$11 million in material and disposal costs.

The companies who received the awards were: Harwood Line Manufacturing, Able Electropolishing, CJ Saporito Plating, Isotech Labs, Swenson Spreader, Kester Solder, Midwest Generation, Abbott Labs, American NTN Bearings, Caterpillar, ComEd, Homeshield, International Truck and Engine, National Manufacturing, Nocrass Safety Products, and Noveon Inc.



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## Youth Turnabout Day in Palos Hills

By Jude Coyle

Mayor Nicole Grzyb called the Palos Hills City Council to order on Thursday, November 1, 2001. According to a proclamation, November 1, became the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Turnabout Day. Besides Nicole, City Clerk Jackie Menoni, Treasurer Suzan Atallah, Aldermen Ahmad Joudeli, Sonia Khalil, Adam Rosales, Mark Gniadek, Scott Slubowski, Crystal Chang, Dan Slubowski, Laura VanBlaricom, Brett Read and Daniel Chang replaced regular elected officials at the City Council meeting.

Nicole had participated in the last Youth Turnabout Day as Mayor, and four before that in other capacities. "I had to answer questions concerning what job I wanted to do and why I thought I should be chosen for that job," Nicole explained. Participants came from Stagg High School, and Conrady Jr. High.

Several actions were presented to the Council for consideration. For Alderman Ricky Moore, Alderman Laura VanBlaricom read an ordinance to change the hours of operation of City Hall. Monday thru Friday, hours will be 8:30 am to 5:00 PM. On the third Saturday each month between Labor Day and Memorial Day, City Hall will be opened from 9 am to noon.

The next two items brought before the Council were presented by Alderman Brett Read for Alderman Frank Williams. A proclamation declared November 1, 2001 and November 7, 2002 as Youth Turnabout Day in the City of Palos Hills. A proclamation declared that Youth Service Day will be set-aside during spring

2002. The intent is to involve youth, their talents and knowledge in greater service to their community. The kids who replaced City officials this year vowed help by contributing their time as baby sitters during the upcoming Christmas shopping season, and by initiating a series of fund raising events. Money earned would be donated to the Twin Towers Police and Firefighters Survivors Fund.

Alderman Scott Slubowski, in place of Alderman Al Pasek presented the warrants to be paid that month. When he concluded with that, he read the quote of the week, just as Alderman Pasek does. From Mark Twain: "A lie travels once around the world before the truth has its shoes on." Alderman Pasek said that every three months or so, he searches out a number of quotes from books and from the Internet. "I picked this one," Pasek said "Because of the kids. Keep it light hearted."

Alderman Sonia Khalil reported in place of Alderman Joan Knox. She presented an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Palos Hills and Cook County. The County provides health inspections at a cost of \$40. They are asking for an increase of \$20, bringing the cost to \$60. In order for the City to agree to this, an ordinance had to be drawn up increasing the fees the City charges. "This is strictly a passed on fee," Mayor Gerald Bennett explained. "From the County to us and then to the restaurant." This matter goes into effect on 12/1. All fees must be paid up front.

Alderman Adam Rosales reported on behalf

of Alderman Pauline Stratton. The parks and library have eye-catching electronic signs. The aldermen moved to have one erected outside of City Hall. Mayor Grzyb was instructed to explain that this measure is already under consideration. The Aldermen asked that more American flags be posted along 103<sup>rd</sup>, 111<sup>th</sup> and Roberts Road. "Residents feel there aren't enough," Alderman Stratton explained. "If there is money left over," Alderman Rosales said, "along 88<sup>th</sup> and 99<sup>th</sup> Streets, too."

Police Chief Paul Madigan's replacement read a statement concerning new equipment and new hires. Two new hires are finishing up at the Police Academy now. The Army has called another to active duty. When that individual returns, she will be reinstated at the Academy. The acting police chief reported that the Police Department has made several purchases using drug seizure money.

Chief Paul Madigan is currently checking into the purchase of a tactical response vehicle. This would also be paid for by drug seizure money. "We're not sure what kind of vehicle at this point," Chief Madigan said. "We're checking with vendors about what they have to offer." He explained that this vehicle would be used during special operations or emergencies when extra personnel make on site control necessary. It would also be used if City Hall lost power. "The City wouldn't have to shut down," Chief Madigan said. Mayor Bennett would have it at his disposal as well.

## GOOD CITIZENSHIP

### Stepping Up To Help Rescue Workers

(NAPS)—In response to the urgent needs of thousands of rescue and recovery workers, security and other personnel working at the Pentagon disaster site, the International Chiropractors Association (ICA) mobilized its local member doctors to provide round-the-clock chiropractic care.

Immediately following the news of the multiple attacks on September 11, the ICA contacted all the agencies that would be responding to the crisis, as well as volunteer relief organizations such as the Red Cross and the Salvation Army, offering chiropractic services to relief and recovery personnel. For ten days, 32 volunteer doctors of chiropractic worked in shifts to provide round-the-clock care to anyone who needed it.

The police, fire and rescue chaplains of Greater Washington, DC area provided a tent at Camp Unity, the name of the relief village, set up in a parking lot near the Pentagon crash site. Patients included military personnel of all ranks and from all services, law enforcement, fire and rescue units as well as the hundreds of volunteers. According to the Department of Defense, by September 25th, the ICA had logged in more than 300 hours and seen



To help meet the health care needs of rescue workers at the Pentagon, doctors of chiropractic worked round the clock for nearly two weeks.

nearly 1,500 patients.

"I am very proud of the response from ICA members to this tragedy and want to thank the many doctors for their willingness to serve their fellow men during this time of need," said ICA President, Dr. D.D. Humber. "We will continue to do all we can as a profession and as an organization to provide needed care to those involved in the recovery effort."

The International Chiropractors Association is the nation's oldest national chiropractic organization. Established in 1926, it has approximately 6,000 members throughout the United States and abroad.

To contact the International Chiropractors Association, call 703-528-5000, write to 1110 N. Glebe Rd., Suite 1000, Arlington, VA 22201, or visit their Web site at [www.chiropractic.org](http://www.chiropractic.org).

Shakespeare's shortest (and bloodiest) play is Macbeth.

## Worth Senior Christmas Luncheon Set

Worth Senior Christmas Luncheon tickets go on sale November 1, 2001. Join us for an afternoon of fun, music, and great prizes. The tickets are \$5.00 per person and can be purchased at the Worth Village Hall. Hours are Monday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Christmas Luncheon will be held December 13, 2001 at 11:30 a.m. at the Garden Chalet 11000 South Ridgeland Ave.

For more information, please contact (708) 448-1181.

## Worth Village Clerk to Host Seminar

Village Clerk Bonnie Price will host a seminar on HMO Insurance, Basic Medicare and Circuit Breaker Program, along with Suburban Area on Aging for Worth Seniors on Monday, November 26, at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the Village Hall at 7112 West 111<sup>th</sup> Street. The program presented by Elizabeth Lough from Suburban Area on Aging will contain information on the significant changes.

Refreshments will be served and space is limited, so please call the Village Hall at (708) 448-1181 for more information and to register for this free program.

## Did You Know?

(NAPS)—According to the American Lung Association (ALA), controlling a home's environment to reduce allergen levels is important for managing allergies and asthma. In existing homes, simple changes can improve indoor air quality dramatically. Installing hardwood floors are among the healthiest choices for controlling allergens like pollen, pet dander and dust mites in the home. Hardwoods are also easier to clean than carpet and keep vacuuming to a minimum, says the ALA, a fact not lost on hardwood flooring experts, such as Randal Weeks of Bruce hardwood floors. According to Weeks, installing hardwood floors may help prevent children from developing allergies or asthma.

Opportunity Works! is one of the Urban League's many workforce development programs. Since January, 2000,



the program has trained unemployed and underemployed adults, former welfare recipients and high school seniors to work in jobs that can improve the quality of their lives. Opportunity Works! training programs are tailored to meet the needs of the communities they serve, with special notice of the job industries in that area. The initiative has helped people who were qualified only for minimum wage jobs work towards full-fledged careers.



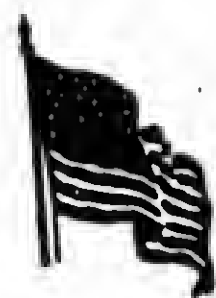
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## New members try to bring order to chaotic SD 229 board

By Frank Soczek

Newly sworn members of the victorious group labeled the "Hurckes Four" or "CFAM" (depending upon one's political proclivities) wasted little time as they seized control of the grossly dysfunctional school board empowered to provide guidance and direction to Oak Lawn High School District 229.

Board President Jerry Vahl was replaced by incoming member Mary Cerceo.

Newcomers Bob Foster and Michelle Moses were chosen as Vice President and Secretary.

With the loss of board control looming ominously only weeks away with the installation of three avowed opponents, Vahl (following the advice of District legal counsel Dennis Brennan) attempted a somewhat novel maneuver and appointed two new board members to replace his lost allies.

Brennan argued since only five members remained of a normally seven member board, a quorum (number of members needed to make a decision binding) was three, rather than four as required for a seven member forum.

The tenure of Vahl's appointees, Maria Skoundrianos and Christine Panek was short lived.

Incoming board member Mary Cerceo differed with Vahl's interpretation of a quorum and subsequently prevailed in a lawsuit filed in the Cook County Circuit Court.

District counsel Brennan's appeal of the latter decision is pending.

The latest "emergency" meeting, ostensibly called to address the issue of school funding, effectively signalled the end of the Vahl-dominated board.

Lured by a deftly worded meeting agenda which left out any reference to the controversial task of

replacing key board members, recently reticent board members Jerry Vahl and Linda Flanagan Vahl took the bait and quickly assumed minority status.

The dire sense of urgency and moral obligation imposed by the perceived threat of losing funding might have jolted the errant members into mock compliance.

The validity of such a theory, however, appears somewhat tenuous.

The adoption of a tentative 2001 Property Tax Levy appeared as a topic of discussion on the school board's agenda for their regularly scheduled meeting on November 13th.

Also on the agenda for the meeting Jerry Vahl and Linda Flanagan Vahl not so surprisingly "missed" was the subject of board member and board attorney replacement.

Brennan's tumultuous tenure seemed destined to

## Change in Evergreen Park ordinance may encourage condo conversions

By Jude Coyle

At the October 15 meeting of the Evergreen Park Village Board of Trustees, Mayor James Sexton asked the Attorney to draw up an ordinance amending the existing village code concerning the conversions of apartments to condominiums. According to Mayor Sexton this should make the process easier, and encourage conversions. On November 5, 2001, Attorney Vincent Cankars presented ordinance #19-2001. An important provision provides that 'a plat of proposed condominium development may be handled administratively, and not require a public hearing.'

The ordinance goes on to list a number of requirements having to do with square footage, separate heating, water and electrical meters and shutoffs, and air conditioning units. It talks about soundproofing and about common garbage and how trash disposal containers shall have a screened location that would provide a minimum noise and smell, and twice weekly garbage pickup.

The ordinance then goes

on to say that in older buildings, many of the requirements listed might not be physically or financially feasible. The building commissioner should then report about compliance to the mayor and the Board of Trustees. The Board would have the right to waive any of the requirements. The Board approved the ordinance.

The Traffic Safety Committee brought a petition before the Board. The residents of Harding asked to have their street sealed off from 95th St. The Traffic Safety Committee recommended that the board turn down the request. The Committee felt that this would lead to children playing in the street, and more traffic entering the neighborhood through the alleys, and off of other streets, thus causing heavier traffic flow on other blocks. The board agreed, and voted not to allow a barrier on Harding.

The Board approved a business regulation permit for Smitty Garage Door Inc., at 9910 Kedzie Ave. They sell overhead doors.

Engineer Robert Boehm reported that the resurfacing project between Kedzie and Central Park, from 95th to 99th should be done by the middle of the month. Also, the 91st st. project is moving along. The Village is waiting for paving to be done on the Chicago side of the intersection at Western. After that, street and traffic lights will be installed.

Bill Lorenz of the Street department said that the CNN had blocked off 95th St. for 3 days to do patch work repairs. He plans to meet with them further to discuss other repairs needed.

The Village accepted a bid from Rydell Shoes in Red Wing, Minnesota for the purchase of 100 pairs of skates. This should come to about \$9,000-\$10,000. If all goes right, the rink should open the day after Thanksgiving.

Also, because of the donation of a big screen TV, Wednesday night will be set aside for movie night. The hours are from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Drop-In Center.

To clean candle stains, wipe with alcohol.

become but a bitter memory.

But the clever, binding Vahl is formally outnumbered by a 3-2 margin--and the specter of that number becoming 5-2 appears only days away.

If the board vacancies are not filled by early December, Regional School Superintendent John Kaczanowski will have the authority to fill the vacancies.

Limitations of the agenda format gave Vahl temporary

"immunity" in the latest tribal council.

Perhaps Brennan's appeal might be successful.

But time is running out.

And Kaczanowski's apparent disdain for Vahl's politics is well documented.

It was Kaczanowski who was the first to formally protest Vahl's appointment of Maria Skoundrianos and Christine Panek to fill board vacancies.

Kaczanowski stated he would immediately meet with the States Attorney to

challenge the appointments.

And absent any Appellate Court decisions to the contrary, the future of Oak Lawn School High School District 229 now lies in Kaczanowski's hands.

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Happiness is not an end product in itself. It is a by-product of working, playing, loving and living.  
—Haim Ginott  
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## The Prosperity Club

Prosperity Club from Advance Bank

Top photo (left to right): Linda Koblack, Administrative Assistant, Greta Wiley, Jan Haffner, Vice President, Manager of Prosperity Club.



## Happy Birthday!

Evelyn Larson, Beverly resident, celebrated her 93rd Birthday with guests from Advance Bank's Prosperity Club. The day's event was a Greta Wiley Book Review at 11:00 and a luncheon at 1:00 at the Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park.

## Don't miss an issue! Village View Newspaper

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## Cook County accepting applications for assessment appeals

The Cook County Board of Review will accept applications from property owners living in Berwyn, Bremen, Calumet, Cicero, Norwood Park, Oak Park, Palos, River Forest and Riverside Townships who wish to appeal their property tax assessments. Applications for those townships will be accepted through December 6th. Any property owner who wishes to appeal may pick up an application at 118 N. Clark Room #601 between 9am and 5 pm, or call Commissioner Maureen Murphy's office at 312/603-3644.

Commissioner Murphy encourages local organizations and associations to call her office if they would like to sponsor a free *Assessment Appeal Seminar* in their area conducted by her staff, which educate taxpayers about their rights and the best way to make a successful appeal at the Board of Review.

## McCarthy running for Democratic Committee

Thomas McCarthy of Evergreen Park has announced his candidacy for Worth Democratic Committeeman. The current Committeeman, John McNamara, has announced he will not seek re-election.

McCarthy and his wife Anne are lifelong residents of the community and have six children. Currently, he serves on the Zoning Board for Evergreen Park Village and is an active member of Most Holy Redeemer Parish.

McCarthy has been involved in the last three elections of State Representative James D. Brosnahan.

If you would like to volunteer for the campaign, please call 708/721-5346.



Kathleen Therese Meany

## Metropolitan Water Reclamation vice president honored

Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany, who is also vice president of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will be honored on Wednesday, November 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. in Freddy's Ribhouse, 26 W. Hubbard St.

Meany was elected a commissioner in 1990 and elected vice president in 1994, and re-elected in 1996. She is completing her second term and is a candidate in the upcoming Primary election on November 19.

## An angel's touch

Do you know someone who needs a hand this Christmas? Do you need help?

An Angel's Touch is an organization made up of families who have faced financial difficulties because of emergencies. Because we have faced those emergencies and because someone came along to help us when we needed it the most, we reach out to others. At Christmas we provide food, presents and clothing.

Please call Georgene at 773/254-3232, Monday through Friday, 9AM to 5PM.

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## Library Community Meeting Rooms

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street, has two meeting rooms available for use by community groups and organizations whose objectives are cultural, educational, or civic in character. Beginning on December 1, reservations for dates in January and February 2002 will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Please be advised that there will be no community meeting rooms available while the library builds a new addition on the north

end of their facility. One of the many benefits of this building project will be the addition of two more community meeting rooms. When construction is complete, a public announcement of meeting room availability will be made through the library's newsletter and press releases sent to local newspapers. It is estimated that this project will take approximately 14-18 months to complete.

Interested parties may pick up, complete and return the standard application form. The library requires a minimum of two weeks to process a meeting room reservation request. Use of the rooms is free for Oak



Pictured (seated) Greta Wiley. Standing left to right are Joann Buschbach, Noreen Mikols, and Lois Gateyer.

## Dramatic Book review at Oak Lawn Library

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation will host a special fundraising event featuring a dramatic book review by Greta Wiley at 2 pm Sunday, December 2 at the Library, 5300 W. 95th Street.

In this one woman show, Greta will summarize an entire novel, complete with character dialogue and commentary. She will also give holiday gift book suggestions. Minimum donation of \$5 to attend. Patrons will be admitted first-come, first-served in the lower level meeting room. Doors open at 1 pm.

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is a non-profit, 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization that was founded in 1993 to seek private sector support for maintaining the excellence of materials and services at the Oak lawn Public Library.

For more information, please call (708) 422-4990.





## Public Investor Symposium

Kathy Mc Swain (left) Library Director of Chicago Ridge Public Library and Karen Lullo (right) Library Board Treasurer, recently participated in a financial symposium held in Itasca. Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka (center) sponsored a *Public Investor's Financial Symposium*. The program offered a wide variety of financial topics presented by leading experts within the public investment industry. "Ed Grabon is to be commended for participating in this continuing series," said Topinka.

"Financial education has always been a key component of my administration. Through these seminars, we are able to respond to the educational needs of public investors and provide them with insight on how to do more with less."

The symposium is in its third year of providing fundamental information to public officials responsible for the safe keeping of public funds. Sessions offered included governmental accounting, audits, investment issues, cash management, and the current economic issues.

## Legislators call for public support of family care bill

Senator Christine Radogno is urging citizens to contact Gov. George Ryan (312/814-2121) and Senator Patrick O'Malley (708/923-1818) to let them know you support *Family Care*.

*Family Care* would provide health insurance to the estimated 1.7 million Illinois citizens with no health insurance, of whom 200,000 are mothers and fathers who work but have no coverage from their employers.

*Family Care* would also help parents who are downsized or laid-off, by covering parents as soon as their income falls below \$31,000 for a family of four.

17 states already do this. Because Illinois doesn't, last year we sent \$67 million in federal grants to other states that do, including New York, Wisconsin and California-states who are using our tax dollars to cover their citizens.

The cost of the program is less than 1/700th of the state budget, which could easily be paid with tobacco settlement money, as other states do.

Please contact Senator Radogno at 708/354-6700 for details.

## Robot toy collection makes it Christmas around (and out of) the world at MSI

The Museum of Science & Industry's *Christmas Around the World & Holidays of Light* celebration began more than a half century ago as a United Nations Day Salute to American Allies during World War II. In 1942, the Museum's first president, the late Major Lenox Lohr, began the festival honoring ethnic communities around Chicago whose native countries were allies with the United States. Local ethnic groups were invited to decorate a tree to reflect the traditions of their native country. The first year, 12 trees graced the Museum's halls.

Now in its 60th year, the exhibition is a Chicago holiday time favorite "must-see". 6 decades after major Lohr invited 12 of Chicago's cultural community groups or the Museum, an enchanted forest of more than 40 and three creches decorated by the ethnic groups grace the West Court and Rotunda. This year's event, sponsored by Sears, runs from November 16, 2001-January 6, 2002.

Those who decorate trees take their jobs very seriously.

For a 2 week period, individual groups come to the museum during their designated time to decorate their tree. It can take the better part of the day to get it just right.

Each tree feature hand made crafts and ornaments passed from one generation to the next. This year, the museum will feature The Robert Lesser Collection of Space toys and Robots, an amazing collection of more than 200 tin robots and space collectibles. In keeping with this theme, the center tree will glimmer with silver accents, beaming lights and other space decor.

The Museum of Science and Industry is also displaying its *Holidays of Light* collection. Now in its 9th year, the multicultural display features holiday traditions that celebrate light or enlightenment. This year's highlights include Chinese New Year, Kwanzaa, Ramadan and Hannukkah.

For more information call (773) 684-1414 or visit their website at: [www.msichicago.com](http://www.msichicago.com).



From left to right: Judy Baar Topinka, Rev. Lewis Flowers, Rev. Joseph Jones, Earlean Collins, Lester R. Minter

## Topinka meets with Local Clergy

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka recently spoke at the West Side Minister's Coalition monthly meeting discussing issues affecting the African American community.

During the Meeting, Topinka addressed ways the Treasurer's office can assist in bridging the gap between government and the religious community. Issues focused on include predatory lending, daycare issues, healthcare and job creation.

The Treasurer's office offers numerous programs to provide low interest funding for social projects as well as financial education and money management programs to help people get the proper financial training to avoid getting into financial trouble.

## Helping Chicago's hungry

Gaining a million pounds never felt so good. Chicago will hold a Holiday food drive Monday-Friday, December 3-7, at City Hall (121

N. LaSalle St.). Organizers suggest that all items be deposited individually, not deposited in bags. Food and proceeds from the drive will be donated to the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD).

The GCFD has been providing meals for underprivileged Chicagoans since 1979 and this year hopes to "Gain a Million Pounds" in donations.

On Tuesday, December 12, Mayor Daley will present the charity with a check from the "Sharing It" program. The check represents monies earned by the 21st Annual Taste of Chicago ticket sales the "Sharing It" program raises funds and collects food for the underprivileged, especially during the holiday season.

For more information, please call the Mayor's Office of Special Events at 312-744-3315, TTY 312-744-2964 or visit the website at: [www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents/](http://www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents/)

## Southwest Symphony Christmas concert

Our Lady of the Ridge Church in Chicago Ridge will present a Christmas concert titled "A Glorious Christmas" on Sunday, December 9, 2001 at 7 p.m.

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra will be joined by the adult choir from Our Lady of the Ridge, Oak Lawn Park District's Voices of the Valley Choir, and the Canticum Novum Choir and the children's choir of our Lady of the Ridge.

Founders Bank is sponsoring the event, that features the performers coming together to perform a majestic version of Vivaldi's Gloria.

Ticket prices are \$16 for Adults, \$15 for seniors and \$7 for students. For more information, call (708) 802-0696.

## Blood drive

The American Legion Post 991 at 11001 Depot Drive in Worth will hold a blood drive on Monday, December 10 from 2-8 pm.

For information, please call 708/448-7006.

## Reavis teacher receives award

Darlene Stengele, a teacher at Reavis High School in Burbank, has been awarded the 2001 Distinguished Service Award for Student Activities. The award is sponsored by the Illinois Director of Student Activities and recognizes persons involved in student activities who have made outstanding contributions impacting education in the area of student activities.

Ms. Stengele has been a teacher at Reavis for 40 years. She has been recognized for her outstanding work as sponsor of the school's National Honor Society. Ms. Stengele teaches her honor students the value of service to the community and school. Each year her students contribute money, gifts and time to Lion's Club, Sertoma, Park Lawn, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Big Brother/Big Sister, and others.

Ms. Stengele was given her 2001 Educator Award at the Annual IDSA Convention Awards Dinner held on November 11 in Oak Brook, Illinois.



## KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

By Kathy Whirity



It takes money to make money.

Evidently the airlines haven't cashed in on that concept. While pleading for Americans to take to the skies, they've done little financially to bolster our confidence.

As our nation learns what it is like to live cautiously under a heightened sense of alert, the evidence is clear—the airlines have been putting passengers and crews at risk in the not-so friendly skies.

Since the September 11th attacks when our own commercial planes were used as weapons against us, there has been frightening instances of crazed passengers making their way into cockpits and passengers smuggling guns on board, just to see if they could get away with it. These examples are disturbing proof that safety measures are not being implemented.

If that's not nerve-racking enough, our politicians are pushing for expansions at O'Hare airport.

Do these politicians realize our nation is in a horrendous crisis? We don't need expansions at O'Hare. What we need to do is secure what we've already got.

Our elected officials should be demanding that all cockpits are secure, that all passengers are diligently searched, and that sky marshals are present on all flights.

To make money, they will have to spend it-on public safety. While we are on the subject of spending taxpayer's money, I can think of a number of ways to more wisely use funds earmarked for expanding O'Hare.

Any money left over after making sure each and every plane is secure, should be spent ensuring that all Americans are medically protected against the growing reality of biological terrorism. Also, keeping our nuclear power plants safe, at all costs, is critical to our survival.

*Now that would be money well spent.*

We don't need to expand an industry that's already being bailed out.

Let's not forget—we are living in dangerous, life threatening times, the likes of which we've never seen. This is the time to make the safety of our homeland top priority.

## Thanksgiving, a holiday rich with tradition

Thanksgiving or festivals celebrating the harvest are celebrated all over the world at different times of the year. The first American Thanksgiving took place in Plymouth Colony in 1621. Chief Massasoit, along with about 90 men, feasted on turkey, deer, cranberries, corn, sweet potatoes and pumpkins. Pilgrims had their first taste of popcorn.

In 1789, George Washington proclaimed November 26 as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer. In 1827, Mrs. Sarah Hale, editor of the Boston Ladies Magazine, started a crusade to set aside the last Thursday in November, "to offer to God our tribute of joy and gratitude for the blessings of the year".

The holiday characteristics common today are church services, afternoon feasts and sports on TV. We continue to center around a meal of turkey, stuffing, cranberries, pumpkin pie, carefully saving room for popcorn and sports on TV.

In 2001 these Thanksgiving traditions continue. We are grateful for our freedom and stand united to fight terrorism.



Members of the Brother Rice regional championship cross country team: (Front, from left) Dan Regalado of Oak Lawn, Kevin Deegan of Tinley Park, David Villdsenor of Beverly and Tom Kelly of Beverly. (Middle row, from left) Pat Dospoy of Garfield Ridge, Brent Cunningham of Evergreen Park, Brian Hague of Beverly, Sean Rudd of Beverly and Bill Melaniphy of Oak Lawn. (Back row, from left) Joe King of Alsip, Jim Finno of Beverly, Frank Riesbeck of Palos Heights, Ryan Fitzpatrick of Mt. Greenwood, Jim Ryan of Mt. Greenwood and Matt Cafarelli of West Lawn.

## Brother Rice cross country wins regional title

The Brother Rice varsity cross country team captured its first-ever regional title recently at Lyons Township High School. Junior Joe King of Alsip finished second overall with a finishing time of 15:02.6 to pace the Crusaders. Junior Brent Cunningham (15:26.5) of Beverly finished fifth, sixth and 10th overall, respectively. Other Brother Rice finishers include junior Pat Duspoy (15:40.8, 16th pl.) of Garfield Ridge, senior Joe Jackson (16:05.6, 24th pl.) of Palos Heights and sophomore Kevin Deegan (16:41.6, 32nd pl.) of Tinley Park.

## Brother Rice dean runs for State Senate

Citing education, safe communities, economic development and senior citizen protection as priorities, Ed Maloney, Assistant Principal and Dean of Faculty at Brother Rice High School, has announced his candidacy for the Illinois Senate for the 18th District.

A Chicago native and lifelong resident of the area, Ed Maloney has spent his career as a teacher, coach and volunteer. Maloney had spent 28 years at Oak Lawn Community High School as a teacher, guidance counselor, administrator and coach and 4 years as an Area Manager and Director of Professional Development for the Chicago Park District.

"I believe that serving as Senator is the ultimate way for me to give back to the area that has been so good to my family," said Maloney. "I have always tried to be involved in the life of the community on a professional basis or as a volunteer. I believe that the combination of these

experiences give me a unique perspective on the district's strengths and needs."

Oak Lawn Mayor Ernie Kolb says, "Ed Maloney has been an asset to this community, serving for over 25 years as a teacher and a coach. With that experience, he could be of greater value to the community serving in the legislature."

"I believe Ed Maloney to be a man of high moral character," said James Sexton, Mayor of Evergreen Park. "I believe he will serve the south and the southwest suburbs along with Chicago with dignity in Springfield."

"His experience, especially his extensive background in education will be an asset for Ed Maloney in Springfield," said State Representative Jim Brosnahan. "I look forward to working with Ed to continue to work to meet the needs of this community."

"Having taught generations of southwest suburban students, this opportunity can

be a living example of a social studies lesson put into action," said Maloney.

The candidate, age 55, and his wife currently live in the St. John Fisher Parish, where they raised four boys.

The new 18th district includes all or part of Evergreen Park, Chicago Ridge, Hometown, Worth, Palos Hills, Palos Park, Oak Lawn, Hickory Hills, Merriquette Park, Palos Heights and the Beverly, Mt. Greenwood, Morgan Park and Ashburn communities in Chicago.

## Genealogist meeting

Tinley Moraine Genealogist will hold their monthly meeting at the library of Tinley Park High School at 6111 W. 175th Street.

Doors open at 6:30, with the meeting starting at 7 pm. The fee is \$1 for visitors.

December's program is "Sharing Over 100 Years of Genealogy: Experiences, Successes, and Brick Walls".

For information, please call 708/388-3953.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

My name is Raymond Wardingley and I'm running for Congress in the 1st District against Bobby Rush. Many people know me as "Spanky the Clown". Some use this to try to hurt me.

But let me tell you, I am proud of what I did as "Spanky".

I was in the entertainment field directing and acting in movies and commercials. One day, friends of mine asked me to entertain at St. Jude's Children's Hospital. I found out a daughter of a friend was dying of Leukemia. So I dressed as a clown, called myself "Spanky" and entertained the sick children.

Then a group of businessmen asked me to do something unusual so they would donate money to St. Jude's.

Since I had talent in skating, I decided to roller skate from Chicago to Springfield as "Spanky". This brought in, unknown to me, a large donation. I received no money, everything went to the hospital.

What I did was my unselfish love for the children of St. Jude's. The media loves to batter me for it. The good I have done has never been explained. I have been ridiculed by the media because they don't know or want to know the real story.

I thank God for the chance to have done what I did for them.

If elected to congress, I will put all my effort into my job help in people the people of the 1st District.

Sincerely,

Raymond Wardingley

## Military News

Marine Corps Pfc. Edgar Gomez, son of Matilde and Joaquin Gomez of Oak Lawn, recently completed the Marine Corps Corrections Specialist Course.

During the course, which is taught with Marine Corps Administrative Detachment, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, students learn every facet of the operations of brig and correctional custody units. Subjects of instruction include appropriate correctional treatment of prisoners, physical security requirements of confinement, procedures for violent prisoners, prison searches and treatment programs.

Gomez is a 2000 graduate of Richards High School in Oak Lawn and joined the Marine Corps in February, 2001.



# The tall order of normalcy

By Matt Mayer

As Americans we strive to achieve some level of normalcy in the wake of the tragic events of September 11th. As difficult as it may be, we are continually striving for some sort of normalcy--knowing full well our world, as we know it ended early Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001, as three commercial airlines commandeered by kamikaze pilots committed the worst terror attacks ever dreamed possible. The only words that seem befitting these cowardly, inhumane acts are not suitable for print.

The outbreaks of anthrax shortly following these horrific events, along with the fear of the unknown, waiting for the next shoe to drop, has certainly shaken the American psyche. For fear of the unknown is perhaps one of the greatest fears of all. Franklin Roosevelt had said during the years of the great Depression, "the only thing to fear is fear itself". How true that statement rings today.

Yet at these sad, uncertain times, life must go on, even though normalcy has been redefined. There is no better way to start the healing process than to talk about fear, sorrow, anger-the hope-as well as any other feelings we may have. Research mainly obtained over the years following the Vietnam War taught us that holding these feelings inside is a contributor to Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD). Mental health experts claim that within one month following a horrific event one can't resume everyday life-this may be a sign of PTSD.

Further complicating a return to normalcy is crisscross information. For example, the anthrax found in Florida at the American Media Corporation was the same as the anthrax found in Washington. However, it has been revealed that the letter sent to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle included a drying agent to control clumping. Experts say whoever sent the anthrax wanted to aerosolize

it.

Dick Cheney, in a rare outing from an undisclosed, secure location, made a chilling statement, "In this conflict, for the first time in our history, we will probably suffer more casualties here at home than will our forces overseas". Also adding to the anxiety were the two announced FBI nationwide terrorist alerts, one on October 11th, followed by another on October 29th. This announcement was made without any specifics--other than officials said members of Bin Laden's network could be plotting attacks in retaliation of the US-led bombing of Afghanistan.

In a recent *Newsweek* survey, only 48% believe President Bush is doing a good job in regards to the war on the domestic front, a large contrast to polls that gave the President the highest of any President on foreign policy...in my view, the way the information is released plays a large role. On the information we receive from

the government in regards to the war overseas, we receive in daily briefing from one person Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, and so far, like it or not, everything he has said has been right on the money.

Domestically, there needs to be one Washington spokesperson as well. This could help to alleviate the crisscross of information as well as help insure its accuracy, which could help to raise consumer confidence, which is so vital to our economy, being that two-thirds of our economy is based on consumer spending. In regards to bio-terrorism and other health threats, there needs to be one spokesperson as well, preferably a doctor. One name that has surfaced is Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. One would believe it to be have been of comfort if the White House would have had the United States Surgeon General briefing Americans on health issues.

in regards to anthrax-as soon as the anthrax was discovered.

If one has internet access, more information may be obtained on anthrax from the Center for Disease Control at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) as well as the Department of Health and Human Services at [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov). During this time of uncertainty and fear of our destiny, it is comforting to remember a saying of Father Mike, the NYFD chaplain who perished while administering last rites to a fallen firefighter at the World Trade Center, "If you want to make God laugh, tell him what you're going to do tomorrow."

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We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.  
—Franklin D. Roosevelt  
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For more information, call Linda at (708) 599-9500

## De La Salle freshman appears in movie



De La Salle Institute freshman Alex Telles recently lived a dream many people can only wish for. The talented young man was cast out of 600 youngsters to co-star in the film *Hardball* with Keanu Reeves.

In the film Reeves plays an underachiever who is inspired and redeemed by a group of tough, underprivileged baseball-playing kids. Reeves character is tapped to coach a corporately-sponsored baseball team to pay off his gambling debts. Telles plays Alex, one of three stars out of the 50 youths who portray baseball players in the film.

Telles, who is a member of the De La Salle football and basketball teams, would like to pursue more acting roles, as well as his interests in athletics and architectures.

## Library "Toys for Tots" Drive to begin on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>

The Oak Lawn Public Library will sponsor a "Toys for Tots" drive beginning November 26<sup>th</sup>. The campaign will run until December 17<sup>th</sup>. Patrons may drop off new and "like new" toys in collection barrels near the library's first floor holiday display. Donors are asked to give gifts for children of all ages, up to age 12. Toys should be unwrapped so that they may be sorted according to age and gender.

For additional information, please call 422-4990.

## Kennedy receives award

Joan Kennedy, Executive Director to the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Illinois Chamber of Commerce Executives. Executives applauded her twenty-plus years as Chamber of Commerce executive.

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Nothing can be so perfect while we possess it as it will seem when remembered.  
—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.  
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## Welcome to a Circle of Friends

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## Lipinski language bill

Congressman Bill Lipinski announced today he is co-sponsoring H.R. 1984, the English Language Unity Act. This bi-partisan, common-sense piece of legislation would make English the official language of the U.S. Government. The bill warrants that, in addition to other languages, there is one language that every American should know-English.

"We have an obligation to encourage non-English speaking citizens and give them the incentive to learn English," Lipinski said. "It would help ensure that they can prosper and fully partake of all the economic, social, and political opportunities that exist in this great country."

H.R. 1984 would require nearly all federal government business to be conducted in English, and all documents to be printed in English, while protecting Constitutional rights. Exceptions would include documents to protect the public health and safety, law enforcement, tourism, and court translations.

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It is always a mistake not to close one's eyes, whether to forgive or to look better into oneself.  
—Maurice Maeterlinck  
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## 3rd District

The conference committee for H.R. 2620, the VA-HUD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002, has included funding for two projects at the request of Congressman Bill Lipinski.

The final version of the funding measure contains a total of \$450,000 for important priorities in the 3rd Congressional District. Specifically, the \$450,000 will be distributed as follows:

- \$200,000 to the City of Berwyn for the expansion and renovations of the municipal public safety and fire facilities.

- \$250,000 to the Village of Justice for water infrastructure improvement project at the Wesley Field water system.

The funds will be distributed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

## Mortgage Relief Act

Congressman Bill Lipinski recently announced that he is a co-sponsor of H.R. 3277, the Airline Mortgage Relief Act. This legislation would provide mortgage relief for people whose jobs were affected by the recent terrorist attacks.

"This initiative will help relieve concerns over the economic well-being of the airline industry employees," Lipinski said.

On September 13, 2001, the Secretary of HUD, Mel Martinez, directed all FHA-approved lenders to provide 90-day mortgage forbearance for families with FHA insured mortgages who were affected by the recent terrorist attacks.

The bill would also expand for all eligible borrowers the 90-day forbearance to 180 days from enactment and require HUD inform mortgages of the moratorium.

"Now more than ever we need to provide financial protection to laid off airline workers," Lipinski said.



Pictured above are (left to right) Linda Delejewski, Mother's Club President; Anna Marie Grajek, Br. Robert May, Karen Cerney, and Lynn Kaspar.

## St. Laurence mother's club holds fashion show

St. Laurence High School Mother's Club held its annual fashion show on November 8 at the Martineau. The event highlighted Hollywood films as the theme and attracted over 300 attendees, with dinner and a fashion show. Fashions from Stein Mart, Old Navy and Gingsiss were modeled by members of the Mother's Club, faculty, staff and students of St. Laurence. Proceeds from the event benefit the school.



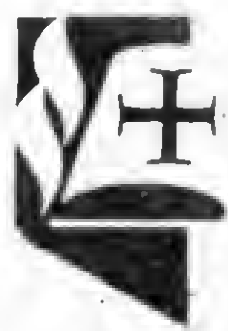
## Hawkinson Ford donates to Our Lady of the Ridge golf outing

Hawkinson Ford's Friends for the Community Program proudly sponsored the 1st Annual Our Lady of the Ridge Golf Outing, furthering Hawkinson Ford's on-going effort to support area schools. Hawkinson Ford donated a 2002 Ford Escape to the School, to be given to the golfer who shot a hole in one.

The Golf Outing was the first for Our Lady of the Ridge School, and Hawkinson Ford was eager to contribute its support to the school by donating a new, bright yellow 2002 Ford Escape. The Ford escape was on display for all of the golfers to view while they golfed in the rain and wind. Despite the poor weather, the event raised more than \$7,000 to be used for much needed improvements to the school's facilities and for additional learning tools for the children. In addition, Hawkinson Ford's Friends of the Community Program donated a Ford Vehicle up to \$50,000 to the winner of a Closest to the Pin contest.

A co-Chairperson of the Our Lady of the Ridge School, Don Pratt remarks, "The Hawkinson Ford employees were very helpful and made the day fun! They prevented the rainy weather from ruining the event by donating a bright yellow Ford escape to brighten up the day."

Friends of the Community is a community relations effort of Hawkinson Ford in Oak Lawn to assist area schools and not-for-profit organizations in the community. This year marks Hawkinson Ford's 40th Anniversary. Established by Robert R. Hawkinson, the dealership continues to be the number one Ford dealer in Illinois.



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## Re-Tales: Stories from the other side of the cash wrap

By Erin Traynor

When I was a child, a made-for-TV movie called *The Day After* scared me so much with its graphic images of carnage and horror, I had to sleep in my parent's bedroom for a week. When I grew up and began a career in retail, *the day after* took on a new meaning, yet still filled me with fear.

Yes, at the end of a stressful but memorable day, when most people are either falling asleep in front of the TV or reaching again for the bottle of Tums, I begin to break out in a cold sweat. After the last savory mouthful of stuffing is consumed and my children fight over the wishbone, the Christmas shopping season begins.

Of course, if you've been in a mall the last few weeks, it actually began sometime before Halloween. Still, the day after Thanksgiving is the traditional kickoff. Stores run big sales and compete to see who can open the earliest. I have a running bet with my co-workers that our store's main competitor (think "that's more like it...") will stay open on Thanksgiving straight through to Friday, just to open before us. Stores also plan gimmicks and giveaways to lure you in, like that mothball-scented aunt who'd bribe you with a dollar to kiss her crepe-paper, roughed cheek. Free Disney Snowglobes! Huge Discounts! Eternal life to the first 100 customers!

Of course, the media types will be out to capture the excitement for the 10 o'clock news, and to report that "industry analysts" are predicting a bad year for retail. Every year these analysts predict a bad year. Who are these analysts, anyway? It reminds me of when someone begins a story with, "They say..." Who are they? Is there a secret building in Kansas that houses the "they"s and the "industry analysts"? This year, with the endless talk of a struggling economy, retail will have a poor year. Still, do "they" have to rub it in before we get a chance to fail?

Lines will be long this year due to staff cuts, so I implore you to refrain from taking your frustrations out on me and my co-workers. We are doing the best we can. Plus, it's not fair-- I can't go into your place of employment and complain how you do your job.

Keep your complaints to a minimum. I wasn't the clueless architect who decided the men's dress shirt department was a great place to put the women's bathroom. Also, not everyone who wears a name badge is a cashier, so don't give me a dirty look while you're standing in line and I am doing a display up on a ladder-- I'm a display person! There are also stockers, housekeepers, price-checkers who aren't cashiers. Don't swear at us, or roll your eyes...and don't shake the ladder we're on to get our attention, it's not fun to fall from six feet.

Most of all, relax. Christmas is weeks away. Take a deep breath and enjoy the piped-in Perry Como. If you're lucky, you may just stimulate the economy and get a free snowglobe in the same trip.

## VA Clinic opening outpatient clinic

The Department of Veterans Affairs is opening a Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Oak Lawn, at 4700 W. 95th Street, Suite 104, which will be able to serve the veterans in Oak Lawn, Chicago and surrounding communities.

The VA Clinic offers primary care, including on-site labs, x-rays, prescriptions, annual physicals, EKG's, and mental health services.

Open Enrollments will be held at locations in the surrounding communities, which will be announced. Veterans will need to bring a copy of their DD214, Military Discharge or Separation Papers in order to complete the enrollment process.

For further information, please call 800/455-0264.

## Vehicle stickers on sale in Worth

Vehicle Stickers go on sale at the Worth Village Hall on December 1, for \$20. Senior Citizens can purchase their vehicle sticker for \$5.

For the month of December there will be \$2 off the regular price. 2002 stickers

must be displayed by March 1, 2002.

Village Hall hours are Mondays 9am-8pm; Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm; and Saturday 8:30-11:30 am.

The Village will also host a Senior Christmas Luncheon on December 13 at 11:30 am at the Garden Chalet, 11000 S. Ridgeland Avenue.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at Village Hall. The event will feature fun, music and prizes.



Pictured are Little Company of Mary House Walk Captain and hostesses with one of the owners of a home featured on the walk. This Victorian "painted lady" home was a favorite among participants.

## Little Company of Mary holds 7th Annual Holiday House Walk

The Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary held its 7th Annual Holiday House Walk on Saturday, October 6. The walk featured five spectacular homes in the Beverly area.

This year's walk was chaired by Beverly's Nancy Kilty McKenna, who walked participants through a very successful event.

Many showed up to support the Little Company Auxiliary on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. The proceeds from the event benefit The Cancer Center at the Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers.



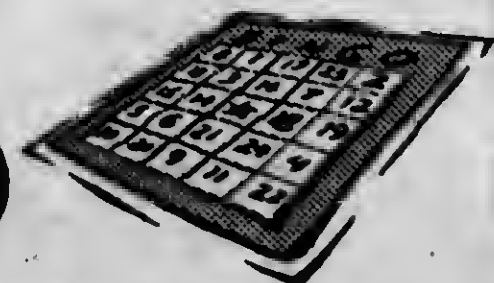
## Price holds seminar on HMO's

Worth Village Clerk Bonnie Price will host a seminar on HMO insurance, Basic Medicare and Circuit Breaker Program along with the Suburban Area on Aging for Worth seniors on Mon-

day, November 26 at 10 am in the meeting room of Village Hall at 7112 W. 111th Street. The program presented by Elizabeth Lough from Suburban Area on Aging will contain information on the significant changes.

Refreshments will be served and space is limited, so please call the Village Hall at 708/448-1181 to register for this FREE program.

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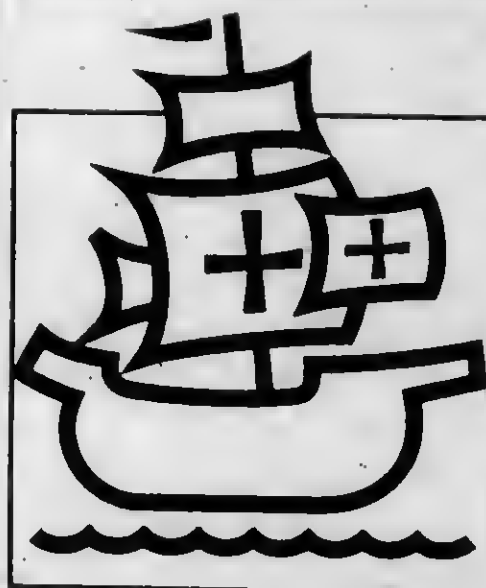


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## The Magic of Ice comes to Drury Lane

Drury Lane's stage will once again be transformed into a natural ice arena to present its newest offering, The Magic of ice, an all original production written, produced and directed by John R. Lazzara, CEO and Executive Producer of Drury Lane Theatre and Richard Porter, president/producer of advanced entertainment group, Inc. This spectacular and unique production will star professional ice skaters, direct from Las Vegas, Master Illusionist, Craig Dickens, a wonderful array of music, special effects, and as a special tribute to America United, John Lazzara and

Richard Porter have rewritten the finale of the show to capture the true American spirit, highlight American patriotism with a special salute to our heroes.

The Magic of Ice stars, from France, Marc Mandina, French National Champion (Principal Male Soloist); from the USSR, Larissa Zamotina, the two-time winner of the cup of the USSR (Principal Female Soloist); International Adagio Champions, Cheyne Coppage and Erin Covington (Principal Adagio Pair team).

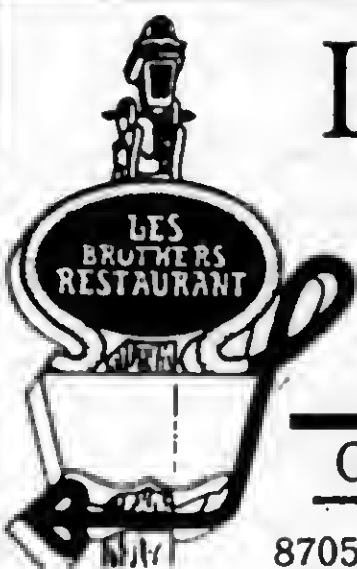
Featured ensemble skaters: Amy Forbes, Julie Godown, Lisa Montibello, Britni

Maine, Heather Forman, Jennifer Pue, Ethan English and Erik Benson.

As a special thanks, members of our fire and police departments who purchase two adult tickets for magic of ice, will receive 2 children's tickets free!

There will be no performance on Thanksgiving. Matinees are Tuesday through Friday at 2:00 p.m. Evening performances are Fridays at 8:30 p.m., Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Sundays at 3:30 p.m. and selected Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.

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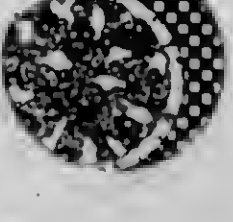
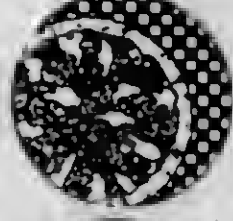
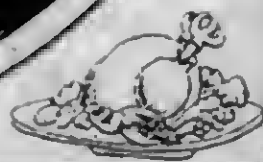
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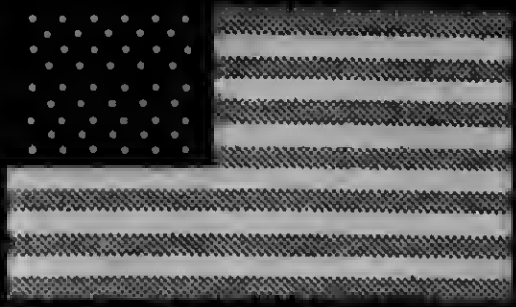
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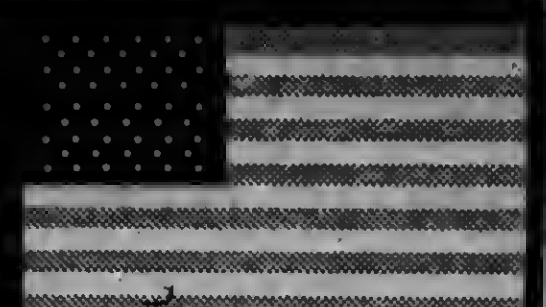
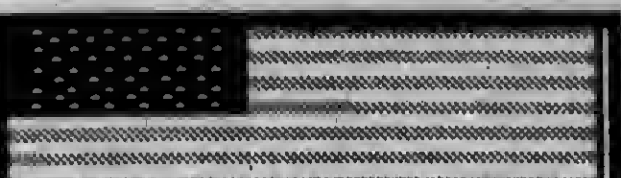
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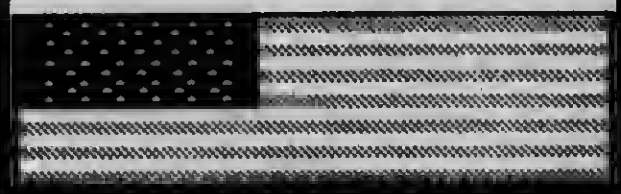


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## 4 things to think about when shopping for an ISP

E-mail, commerce and online research capabilities have made Internet connectivity essential for most small businesses. Since an Internet Service Provider (ISP) is your lifeline to the Internet, the Illinois CPA Society recommends that you carefully research your options before choosing one. ISPs vary in their access, speed, reliability, range of services offered, quality of technical support and pricing policies. The following is an overview of factors to consider when looking for an Internet provider.

**EVALUATE ACCESS, SPEED AND RELIABILITY:** There are local, regional or national ISP's that can connect your business to the Internet. Be sure the provider has local access numbers that allow you to connect to the Internet without paying long distance charges. If you travel for business and want to be able to access the Internet while on the road, you should look for a provider with "points of presence" (POP's) outside of your local calling area. POP's are like "extensions"

to the service provider's reach that permit you to access the Internet when outside your normal calling area.

When it comes to speed, the faster you can download web pages and files, the more productive your business can be. All ISP's should be able to handle 56K modems but not all are equipped to support broadband connections such as ISDN, DSL or cable modems. It is a good idea to choose a provider that offers higher-speed technology.

Most providers express reliability in terms of uptime, which refers to the percentage of time the ISP is up and running. Ask ISP's you are considering whether they offer a service level agreement in writing and find out what recourse your business has if the ISP fails to live up to its service guarantee. In terms of reliability, you should also determine whether the provider has alternate routes to the Internet and whether the ISP performs daily backups of its mail

and web servers and stores them offsite. This is of utmost importance if your business takes orders over the Internet.

**SHOP FOR SERVICES:** Because many ISP's target their services toward individual users, it is important you seek a provider that focuses on meeting the needs of business. Begin by examining each of the primary components of web business services--site hosting, site design and e-commerce. Hosting services can range from simply offering space for a web page to acting as your company's webmaster, maintaining your site and monitoring your traffic.

If you need web design services, there are several alternatives. Some ISP's offer in-house design, while others will provide you with web design software to help you create your own site. Many companies choose to use local web design firms.

E-commerce bundles range from basic startups with simple online shopping carts to sophisticated

packages with catalog builders, merchant credit card accounts, security functions, as well as high-tech bells and whistles. The key is to choose a provider with a clear upgrade path that encompasses basic dial-up hosting to e-commerce capabilities.

**TEST TECH SUPPORT:** Don't underestimate the importance of readily available, quality technical support. You should seek an ISP with toll-free tech support numbers that are staffed 24 hours a day. Browse its online technical advice and try e-mailing a few questions to see how long it takes to get a reply.

**CONSIDER PRICING:** Cost is obviously a large factor when choosing an ISP, but the lowest price is not always the best deal. If the ISP's price is significantly below the going rate, be sure you are aware of what services have been cut in exchange for the price savings.

The time you spend looking for the right ISP is likely time well spent.

adults is \$15, Children 7 and under are \$8.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 708/425-7800. Overnight rates are also available.

The Oak Lawn Hilton is located at 9333 S. Cicero Avenue.

### Polka club has Christmas meeting

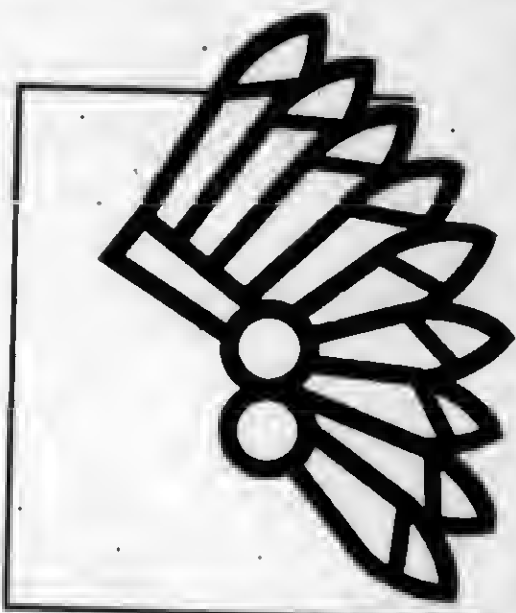
The Tinley Park/Joliet Chapter of the United Polka Association invites all UPA members to their Christmas Meeting on Wednesday, December 12 at the American Legion Post at 17423 S. 67th Court in Tinley Park.

Doors will open at 6pm, with musical entertainment provided by Stas Bulanda and Dyno-Chicago after the meeting.

If you are interested in joining the UPA, please call Jackie at 708/633-9656.

### Santa Claus coming to the Oak Lawn Hilton

Santa Claus is coming to town on December 16 for a breakfast wonderland at the Hilton Oak Lawn. Two seatings in the Grand Ballroom, 9am or 12 noon. Price for



### Aglow has Christmas celebration

Aglow International will hold a Christmas Celebration on Thursday, December 13 at 7pm at the White Rose Banquet Hall, 6501 W. 79th Street in Burbank. The cost is \$12.50, which includes dinner.

The New Creations Band, a music ministry dedicated to spreading the love of Jesus to all of God's people, will entertain and minister, led by the Rev. Linda Du Puy.

Please call Josie at (773) 767-8031 by December 11 for information and reservations.

### St. Laurence sponsors writing contest

The renowned English Department of St. Laurence High School in Burbank is sponsoring a writing contest for 8th grade boys at the school on Saturday, December 1. This free competition will run from 10am-11:30 am.

No prior registration is required. Participating students should report to the north entrance (gym foyer entrance) at 9:45 am. Looseleaf paper will be provided. All participants should bring a pen to write with. Refreshments will be served immediately after the conclusion of the contest. Awards will be presented for first, second, and third place.

For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Corbett at 708/458-6900, ex.252.

### Swing dance

Willowbrook Ballroom will offer swing dancing from 7:30-11:30 pm on Sunday, December 9.

Located at 8900 S. Archer Avenue in Willow Springs, the ballroom has a 6,000 square foot dance floor and four eight-foot video screens perfect for learning swing.

Admission is \$10. For additional information, please call 708/839-1000.

### Municipal clerks meet in Springfield

The 2001 Municipal Clerks of Illinois Institute was held recently at the Springfield Hilton Hotel in Springfield.

Bonnie Price, Municipal clerk of the Village of Worth, was one of more than 70 participants.

The Institute is one component of municipal clerk's certification process. 100 hours of course work is required, including work in public administration, social and interpersonal skills, and technical skills relevant to the clerk's duties. Participation allows clerks to upgrade their skills and increase their effectiveness.

### Burbank Park District holds Winterfest

The Burbank Park District is holding their annual Winterfest Celebration on Saturday, December 1. Admission is free. Enjoy a fabulous choral performance by the Reavis Ramblin' Rams, have your picture taken with Santa, or have your face painted by Ms. Claus.

Horse Drawn carriage rides, a petting zoo and a puppet show will also be part of the fun, along with games, food and more.

The time for the event is 12-3pm at the Newcastle Park Recreation Center at 8050 Newcastle.

Please call 708/599-2070 for details.

### Open house at new Stony Creek clubhouse

An open house at the new clubhouse at Oak Lawn Park District's Stony Creek Golf Course at 5850 W. 103rd Street will be held on Saturday, December 8 from 5-11 pm. Refreshments and entertainment will be offered, as well as the chance to win golf-related prizes.

The building features a stone fireplace, wood bar, full-service kitchen, golf simulators and more.

The clubhouse bar and grill area will be available to rent for business and family parties throughout the winter, and will be open to service sledders and skaters.

"We hope residents will stop in and see the latest asset the park district offers to our community," says Maddie Kelly, director of the Oak Lawn Park District. "The new clubhouse combines scenic views and dining areas with a family-friendly recreation area and pro shop."

### 2001 Professor of the Year

Constance Mixon, an instructor of political science at Richard J. Daley College, was recognized recently as the 2001 Illinois Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The Foundation has given these awards for the past twenty-one years.

Nominated by Daley College, Mixon is only in her third year as a full-time faculty member. She developed a lecture series, "Beyond the Soundbytes" which brings authorities together on government and politics to present talks and to interact with students.

"Connie transformed political science into one of our most popular subjects," notes Dr. Mark Warden, Interim President of Daley College and himself a former professor of Political Science. "Her enthusiasm and energy are an inspiration to students."

Mixon was selected from among 385 faculty members nominated by colleges and universities throughout the country.



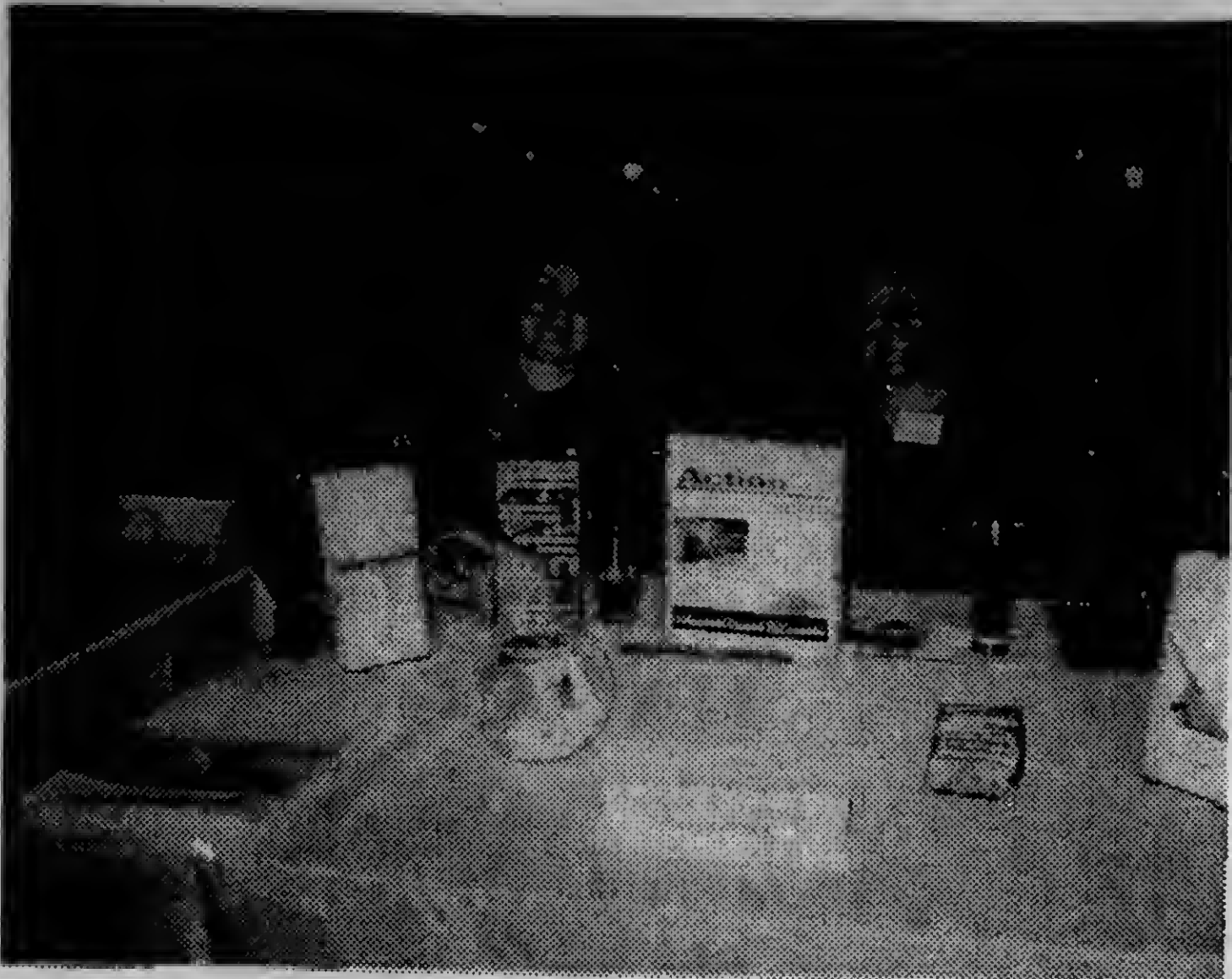
## United Business Association of Midway holds election

This past week, UBAM held it's election of officers. The new slate is as follows: President, Anita M. Cummings, Vice-President Donald Feeley, Secretary Yolanda Granat and Treasurer, Helen Juozapavicius.

UBAM is an association created to encourage, support and develop a strong and active business community in the Midway Airport area.

For more information call (773) 767-3336.

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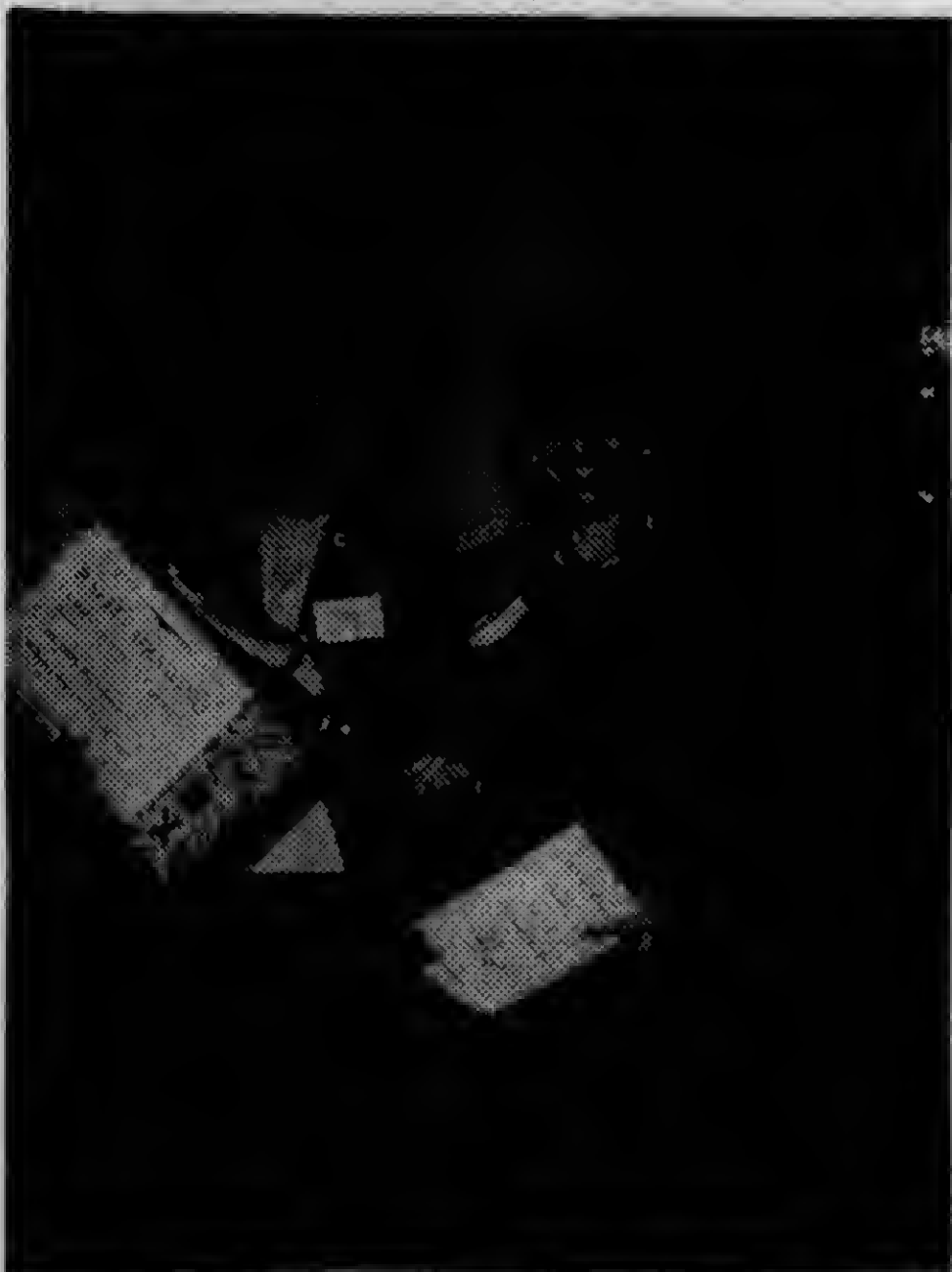
Left to right: Vendors of the Chicago Southland Chamber recruit new members at the recent UBAM.



Left photo, (left to right): Rick Techman, reporter for the Chicago • Clearing • Garfield Ridge edition of the Village View and Ed Kozak, Public Relations for St. Laurence High School's Sports Divisions.

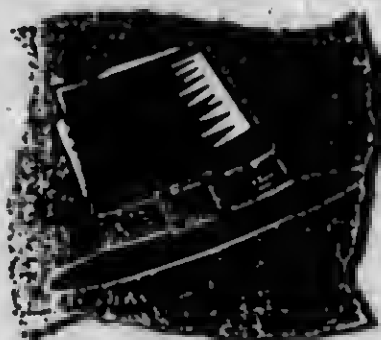


Right photo, (left to right): Paul Laušch, UBAM guest from Southwest Denture Center caught in conversation with Rick Techman.



Bottom photo (left to right): unidentified, UBAM President Anita M. Cummings.

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Pictured from left to right, are Tom Bugielski, President of Founders Bank, and Dr. Richard Dyott, President of the Southwest Symphony Orchestra.

## Founders Bank sponsors symphony

Founders Bank, 7103 West 111th Street in Worth, recently announced the bank will be the sole sponsor of the Southwest Symphony Orchestra's annual Christmas Concert. The concert, *A Glorious Christmas*, will be staged at Our Lady of the Ridge Church in Chicago Ridge on Sunday, December 9 at 7pm.

"We are privileged to have a fine symphony right at our doorstep," said Founders Bank President, Tom Bugielski. "We are excited about this year's location, the new 750 seat sanctuary in the round."

The concert is part of the 2001-2002 spectacular symphony season, *Temptations and Fantasies*, a perfect mix of culture and entertainment.

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## Oak Lawn Park District wins award

The Oak Lawn Park District received a first-place Outstanding Program Award by the Illinois Park & Recreation Association (IPRA) for the ongoing program category.

*Picnics in the Park* ran every Thursday at noon in June 2001 at a different park in Oak Lawn. Participants brought a sack lunch and enjoyed free entertainment.

Each picnic celebrated a different theme: carnival, old times, critters, and outdoor fitness. Attendance was approximately 100 people per picnic.

"We set out to promote the concept of recreation in our parks at the start of the summer season," says Julie Ryan, superintendent of recreation. "We gave families the opportunity to take time out to enjoy summer fun with other members of their community."

The park district will be presented with an award plaque at the IPRA State Conference on Friday, January 25, 2002 in Chicago.

## Filing deadline for Circuit Breaker/Pharmaceutical Program

Filing deadline for the Circuit Breaker/Pharmaceutical Program is December 31. Forms are available at the OCS Office, room 107, at 3450 W. 97th Street in Evergreen Park.

The Circuit Breaker Program provides annual tax relief in the form of a grant based on the amount of property tax or rent paid. The current annual limit is \$21,218 for a one-person household and \$28,480 for a two-person household.

Qualified applicants may purchase a pharmaceutical card that helps cover the cost of prescriptions. Applicants must file each year, however, once you're filed, the appli-

cation is mailed directly to your home.

To be eligible for next year, you must have been 65 in 2001, or permanently disabled, and have the qualifying income. 2001 applications will not be available until January of 2002.

## DeLa Salle teacher a hall of famer

De LaSalle Institute math teacher and coach Ben Blakely was inducted into Eureka College's Athletic Hall of Fame recently at the college located in Eureka, IL.

Blakely attended Eureka from 1987-1992. As a member of the Red Devils undefeated 10-0 football team in 1991, Blakely earned NCAA Division III all-American accolades as a defensive end.

To commemorate his induction into the hall of fame,

## Chicago Southland relaunches website

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau this week launched a newly-redesigned website at [www.csvb.com](http://www.csvb.com).

"This redesigned website keeps the Bureau on the leading edge of technology," said Jim Garrett, President/CEO of the CSCVB. "Visitors will find [www.csvb.com](http://www.csvb.com) easier to navigate and search."

Designed by the staff of J Rudny Dynamic Web Solutions, the website is database driven and includes up-to-the-minute on all Bureau members and the entire Chicago Southland region.

"The new website is much more functional than our previous site," says Kim Kisowski, Bureau Marketing Manager, who notes that the site, "includes the latest features and cutting-edge technology."

Blakely was given a plaque and a certificate of achievement by the school.

Blakely was a 4 time letterman, 3 timemember of the Illini-Badger all-conference squad, a 2 time selection to the NAIA all-district team and was named "best defensive lineman" after his junior and senior seasons.

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### Raffle winner

Stan Wertelka (left) and Bob Seidel (right) of Century 21 Pro Team award Chris Mather of Lemont with an RCI Vacation Package. The Lemont Classic Car Club sponsored their Classic Car Show in the parking lot adjacent to the Century 21 Pro Team's new Lockport office. Century 21 Pro Team hosted a raffle for all attendees that day. Chris' name was picked from the hundreds of entries submitted. "we were happy to be part of the event that day and hope Chris enjoys his vacation," said Chuck DiNolfo, Broker/Owner of Century 21 Pro Team. Century 21 Pro Team has offices in Joliet/Plainfield, Orland/ Tinley Park and Oak Lawn.

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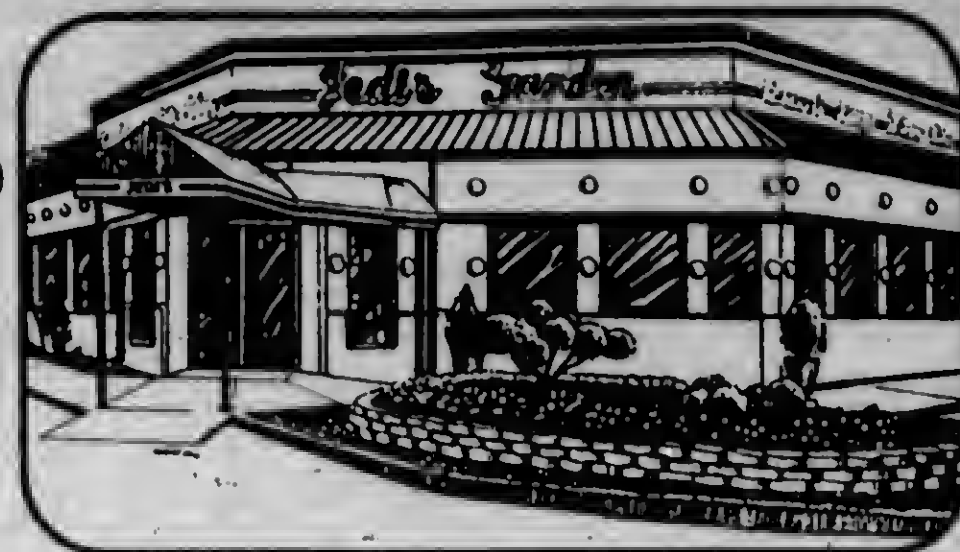
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# VILLAGE VIEW

All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge



## Summit VFW remembers fallen vets

Officers of Desplaines Valley VFW Post 6863 lay flowers at the stone fallen veteran marker in Summit Park Sunday November 11 at 11a.m. before a full assembly of their organization and a color guard which fired a rifle salute into the sky honoring local veterans who sacrificed their lives for the country and community. Inscribed in the permanently affixed stone in the park are these words: "Dedicated to the men of this area who made the supreme sacrifice for our freedom." (photo/caption by Rick Techman)

## St. Rita open house

St. Rita High School on 7740 S. Western Avenue in Chicago, will host an Open House for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys on Sunday, December 2 from 1 to 4 pm. In its 97th year, St. Rita is a males-only, Roman Catholic college preparatory school owned and operated by the Order of St. Augustine.

Guided tours will emphasize various academics, spiritual and extra curricular programs offered at the school. More than 40 exhibits will be on display highlighting the many athletic programs and clubs that are part of the St. Rita experience. Stops on the tour will include the chapel and shrine, computer labs, a chemistry demonstration, and a performance by the award-winning mustang band.

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## After 90 years, Clearing United Methodist Church closing

The CCL received notice from the Clearing United Methodist Church that the church will close its doors on December 30, after 90 years in existence.

The community loses not only a church but a Sunday School, Administrative Board, United Methodist Women board, craft workshop, and a meeting place for Girl Scouts, Club Scouts, and Alcoholics Anonymous and the S.T.A.R. Theater group, among others.

In other news, the CCL met with Tom LeFaivre, President of Cornell Forge at

## Midway noise-holiday tips top Beat 812 meeting

By Rick Techman

About 100 people attended the Chicago police Beat 812 meeting and Clearing Night force assembly Wednesday, November 14, at St. Symphorosa parish where a large amount of information was released describing safety tips for the holidays and general crime control by police and local residents.

At the meeting Chicago Police Officer Dan Clark announced numerous recent successes in criminal apprehension and crime prevention and control locally by Beat 812 officers and concerned citizens. It was also announced that CPD Sergeant Pat Fitzgerald, with more than 15 years on the force, would become the new Beat Team Leader while Sergeant Tom Hennigan moved up to 8th District Community Policing Officer.

The information disseminated at the meeting included holiday safety tips and the growth and neighborly relationship between Midway Airport and the community-at-large. The Midway Airport public relations information, presented by Jeff Jackson of Landrum and Brown, included a free walk-in tour of the airport's Community Outreach Vehicle (COV) which was parked along the curb outside the hall.

Staffed by Chicago Department of Aviation Noise Office personnel, technical consultants and public relations staff, the vehicle is the size of an airport shuttle bus with a conventional entrance door opposite the driver's seat and an exit door at the rear of the vehicle. The vehicle contains numerous noise monitoring equipment including a permanent computer system with modem capabilities.

## Garfield Ridge Civic League rewards students

The Garfield Ridge Civic League was proud to present US Savings Bonds to the following students in recognition of their high academic achievement for the 2000-2001 school year:

Maria Soltys, John F. Kennedy High School; Peter Otremba, St. Camillus; Laura Speck, St. Daniel; Theresa Boruta, Byrne; Jason May, Gloria Dei; Michael Dronzek, St. Jane De Chantal; Jacklyn Martin, Mark Twain; and Kristin Mikula, Our Lady of the Snows.



Mr. Jeff Jackson of the public relations firm Landrum and Brown offers interesting facts from the Midway Airport Community Outreach Vehicle where numerous noise monitoring equipment is available for public use at events such as the Beat 812 meeting at St. Symphorosa church. (photo /caption by Rick Techman)

"This Holiday Season should be a time of great joy as we celebrate and share gifts with those close to us. Unfortunately, it can be a time when crime becomes more prevalent," according to information released at the meeting. For this reason and others, the Chicago Police released these pointers for a safe shopping season: walk confidently, in well-lit and well-traveled areas; pay attention to the people around you; pay particular attention in crowded buses, terminals, and other areas-this is prime for pickpockets; shop in groups-reaffirm friendships while staying together.

Also included in the safety tips were these on auto safety: park as close to your destination as possible; keep packages in your trunk; always move your car to a new location once dropping goods in the trunk and continuing to shop; when returning to your car have your car key in hand and lock doors immediately upon entry.

Tips on home security included these ideas: leave lights on while shopping; do not put gifts in window where they can be seen; when traveling out of town stop paper deliveries, have someone pick up your mail, have lights on timers, and ask a neighbor to watch your house.

## Donation fund set up for car accident victim

The family of 26 year old John Dineen, of the south west side of Chicago, is seeking donations for John, who was paralyzed in an accident

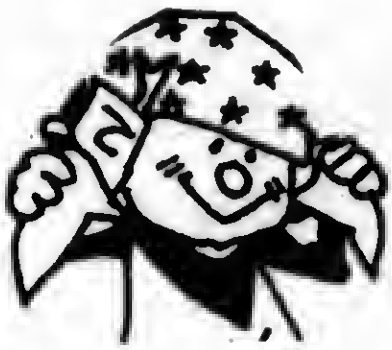
this past May. The Dineen family is in need of financial assistance for John's rehabilitation and care.

Donations are greatly appreciated and will assist in purchasing a wheel-chair equipped van for Mr. Dineen.

Checks may be made payable and sent to:

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### Trustee George Ryniak retires

By Jude Coyle

The November 6, 2001 Chicago Ridge Village Board Meeting seemed to be a place for strong memories and strong sentiments. The meeting opened to Celine Dione's version of the Star Spangled Banner.

Then Mayor Gene Siegel introduced former Trustee George Ryniak. Mr. Ryniak retired in August after selling his home in Chicago Ridge and relocating elsewhere.

Mayor Siegel shared his memories of the day in 1974, shortly before Christmas when he, Mr. Ryniak, Clerk Charles Tokar, and others met at Senese's Winery to make plans for the upcoming election. The group put together the Concerned Citizens Party.

Mayor Siegel read a proclamation honoring Mr. Ryniak for his years of service to the Village of Chicago Ridge. Mr. Ryniak was born in 1943, married and raised three children. He works as an agent for American Family Insurance Company.

In his years of service to the Village, he served as Committee Chairman for the Police, Health and Insurance, and the Emergency Service Committees. "I've had the honor of working with 4 police chiefs," Mr. Ryniak said. "Buck Shaw, Tom O'Hare, Mike Rio and Tim Balderman. Don't mess with the police department." Mr. Ryniak commented that he has learned to appreciate the work they do.

He also commented about his working relationship with the Board of Trustees. "I've been accused of being called a 'yes man' for

Mayor Siegel," he said. "Ninety nine percent of the time he has a good idea for this village. It's been a pleasure to be his 'yes man.'" He went on to share his memories with working with each member of the Board. "Thanks, it's been a great time," he said as he finished off.

Mayor Siegel presented Mr. Ryniak with a gold watch.

Police Chief Tim Balderman and Assistant Chief Bob Ember introduced Patrolmen Bob Landry and Lisa Piatanesi. That night, the patrolmen were promoted to the rank of sergeant and sworn in by Village Clerk Chuck Tokar. Both Landry and Piatanesi have seven years experience.

The Public Works Department asked for permission to purchase the following items: A cable locator at a cost of \$3,014.59, a root cutter for \$1,638, a tree saw for \$373.95, a concrete saw for \$3,999, a fence for \$3,483, and a gate for \$993. They also asked that the Village waive the required bidding procedures. They also plan to buy a 6 wheel dump truck chassis for approximately \$47,000. This will be bought through State purchasing at a substantial savings. The purchases were agreed to.

Engineer Dr. Christopher Burke asked the Board to waive the required plot of subdivision for Copher Movers. This company plans to erect storage buildings in the Industrial Park. He does not feel that a plat is necessary as these buildings will not have electricity or water hook-ups, nor will they be inhabited. A blanket

easement should suffice in this instance, providing the lot is paved, and there are provisions made for egress and ingress. This was agreed to.

The meeting ended with the assemblage singing 'America the Beautiful.' It should be noted that Attorney George Witous has a decent voice.



Robert "Bob" Rita

### Bob Rita runs for 28th District

Robert "Bob" Rita, Director of Township Officials of Illinois and Calumet Township Trustee is running for the newly open 28th District Representative seat.

Bob is the youngest son of John and Rose Rita. Rose

Rita is the 3rd Ward Alderwoman of Blue Island, and John is the former mayor of Blue Island.

A Calumet Township Trustee since 1997, Bob has worked tirelessly in his township and wants to bring this energy to the 29th District.

During the past few months Bob's exploratory committee has received over \$57,000 in cash and pledges from friends and supporters.

Bob Rita looks forward to this campaign and meeting with voters during the coming months.

### Worth helps out the needy with food drive

By Frank Soczek

It has become a cherished holiday tradition in the Village of Worth.

Each November for the past twenty five years, the Women's Auxiliary of Marris-Meyer American Legion, the Worth Lion's Club, along with countless Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts from the nearby area joined in a finely-tuned endeavor to provide food and a bit of holiday comfort for their less fortunate neighbors.

Former Worth Mayor and Lions Club representative Dan Kumingo led the "Ton of Food" drive as Project Chairman.

Pat Kuhn, Community Service representative from the Marris-Meyers American Legion Auxiliary assisted in coordinating the many volunteers who made the project a true success.

Lou Mahaffay and Patt Julion acted as co-chairs.

On Saturday morning, November 17th, approximately 200 Scout and student volunteers (aided by their parents/drivers) followed the routes charted out by Kuhn to pick up hundreds of boxes overflowing with food donations collected from generous contributors

throughout the Village.

Kuhn noted one local business has donated Thanksgiving turkeys for as long as she could remember.

And Kuhn has been involved with the project in one way or another for the last quarter century.

Kuhn stressed it was strictly a local affair, with approximately 70 needy families targeted for the largesse.

Cash contributions will be used to purchase perishable items just prior to delivery.

Kuhn thanked the Worth Police and Village Officials for their generous support, and expressed assurance the charitable momentum would continue through the Christmas holidays.

Efforts are already underway to collect toys for the next phase of the project.

Kuhn explained some of the items on her "wish list" include sox, robes and sleepwear. These may be dropped off at the American Legion Post on Depot Street.

Kuhn mentioned another worthy cause will be the "mitten" project sponsored by Advance Bank.

Paper ornaments in the

shape of "mittens" and bearing the names of generous contributors will be displayed on a Christmas tree.

Worth Police Chief Patrick O'Connor announced his department has discovered a way to save the Village thousands of dollars with the purchase of Dodge-manufactured Intrepid patrol vehicles instead of the traditional Ford Victorias.

O'Connor noted prices for two 2002 full-size Crown Victorias amounted to \$35,566.

The price for comparable Dodge-manufactured Intrepids came to \$28,166.

O'Connor stated "Although there may be some changeover costs in accepting the Dodges, I would say the overall cost savings in this bid precludes us forgoing the award of the bid to Dodge."

O'Connor noted "Dodge was trying to get back into the market and was looking for some entry agencies in the mid-western region."

O'Connor added there were substantial incentives for the first agencies participating in the program.



Worth Cub Scouts, from left: Colt Maddox, Kevin Kenealy

O'Connor further explained the patrol vehicle is based on the Dodge NASCAR RT version of the Intrepid.

O'Connor calculated the combination delivery and trade-in savings will amount to a savings of over \$9,000 for the Village of Worth.

According to Mike Sample, Daimler Chrysler Zone Fleet Manager, "We have made a significant effort to introduce a police vehicle to the market that possesses a unique combination of size, performance, value and operating economy unmatched by any of our competitors. With the new Intrepid Police Pursuit, I believe we have achieved our goals."

The suggestion was met with resounding Board approval.

The Cook County Sheriff's Dept. is expected to follow Worth's lead and soon place an order for their own applications.



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## Holiday open house at Oak Lawn Park District's new clubhouse

Area residents are invited to attend a Holiday open house at the spectacular new clubhouse at Oak Lawn Park District's Stony Creek Golf Course, 5850 W. 103rd Street, on Saturday, December 8 from 5-11pm. Refreshments will be offered, as well

as a chance to win golf-themed prizes!

"We'd like to invite the public in to see the newest park-district facility," says Maddie Kelly, director of the Oak Lawn Park District.

The building, shown above, features a fireplace,

wood bar, full-service kitchen and more, and it will be open all winter for seasonal sports such as sledding and skating.

"We hope residents will stop in to see the latest asset the park district offers to our community," says Kelly.

## Essay contest winners honored

By Jude Coyle

At the November 21 Bridgeview Village Board Meeting, Fran Green announced the grand prizewinners of the essay contest held by the Bridgeview Public Library. The theme was "Why are you proud to be an American." Two hundred children entered. The winners are as follows: 7 year old Alison Mooney; 8 year old Joseph Nance; 9 year old Danielle Doherty; 10 year old Nicole Watson; 11 year old Shannon Wuest; and 12 year old Veronica Almendarez. The children read their entries.

Also of importance to the Library, a resolution

was read concerning a .02% tax levy. Money earned from this levy would help to maintain, repair and equip the library. It would also provide money towards future expansion.

Also brought before the Village Board, was an ordinance that would approve an expenditure of \$74,448 toward an equipment lease and purchase agreement with Marquette National Bank. The Public Works Department plans to replace a 1980 6-wheeler truck with a 2002 Ford Sterling L7501 dump truck with plow and spreader. The interest rate is 4.1%.

Ordinance No. 01-24 redefines Article 18, Rental Housing, to Chapter 6, Building Construction and Maintenance Codes. This provides that owners of apartment or rental properties must register with the village within 20 days after a change in ownership. The Village may terminate sanitary sewer service to any building, which is not registered as required. A manager hired by the owner has 30 days to register. Inspection certificates must be issued every 12 months. Non-compliance to Village codes will be noted upon inspection.

## Oak Lawn sweetens the deal for Ed Napleton

By Frank Soczek

Santa Claus paid an early visit to *one* Oak Lawn business this year.

But Village officials would really have preferred not to talk about the matter.

And its pretty easy to understand why

By a 5-1 vote, the Oak Lawn Village Board juggled its zoning ordinances in order to pave the way for a long term property tax incentive for automobile dealer Ed Napleton.

To the tune of over one million dollars.

For the next ten years, while individual property owners and businesses open the dreaded envelope from the Cook County Collector, Ed Napleton will enjoy a rather comfortable advantage over the rest of us.

He will only pay *one-half* of the taxes based on the assessed valuation for his property.

It appears Napleton, through his attorney David Sosin, met with Village Manager Joe Faber to work out a deal to change the existing zoning at 5800 W. 95th Street (site of the former Pace bus barn) to "Class C."

The goal of such a reclassification, according to Village Attorney Thomas Bayer, is "to encourage industrial and commercial development of contaminated properties in which a remediation effort is required *prior* to said development, thereby improving the health and safety of the residents in the vicinity..."

Meetings to discuss this "agreement," which will have a significant impact on local school funding (not to mention the unfair advantage it will provide

over other Oak Lawn auto dealerships and businesses,) were not open to the public.

Nor was it placed on any formal Village committee agenda for consideration of its relative merits (or lack thereof.)

The request was literally buried in the Village Board's "consent agenda," where matters are "routine" or have been brought forward at the direction of the Board of Trustees and *normally enacted with one motion.*

Along with matters such as street signs, garage permits and yard setbacks.

Routine.

And the surreptitious maneuver almost worked, but for some rather probing inquiries posed by Trustee Robert Streit.

The documents prepared by Village Attorney Thomas Bayer officiously state, with requisite pomp and verisimilitude, "Whereas, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village have reviewed the materials submitted by Napleton..."

"But I didn't receive any 'materials' in my information packet," Streit exclaimed.

"How can I make a decision without all of necessary information?"

Indeed.

"You could have asked," was the official response tendered by Mayor Ernie Kolb.

Streit further expressed his exasperation at the lack of financial data "inadvertently" withheld from his packet.

But Streit was not the only Trustee who had crucial information "missing."

The "materials submitted by Napleton" were omitted from *each* of the packets

issued to the six Village Trustees.

Streit also questioned what he considered Napleton's "after the fact" application for tax relief.

According to Bayer's documents, the consideration is applicable when "a remediation effort is required *prior* to said development."

"Construction is already well underway," Streit bemusedly noted.

Streit further added Napleton paid approximately \$500,000 for the massive parcel of prime 95th Street real estate.

"The possible remediation costs were already built into the deeply discounted purchase price," Streit reasoned.

"The request (for additional consideration amounting to over one million dollars) is redundant."

The Board had previously accommodated Ed Napleton by giving him *exclusive* purchase rights to the adjacent 95th St. parcel formerly owned by the Park district.

Conspiring with the Park District Board, the Oak Lawn Trustees circumvented the competitive bidding procedure prescribed by law and used their municipal privilege as a pretext to transfer ownership to Ed Napleton—effectively precluding earnest offers from all other qualified individuals.

Discounted purchases. Exclusive bidding agreements. Lucrative tax breaks.



## Holiday Gathering of Women in Business

To celebrate the holiday season, the next Women in Business meeting will be held at noon, Wednesday, December 12, at Pacini's, 9549 151<sup>st</sup> Street, Orland Park (708) 403-5585.

To add to the festivities, we will be having an

ornament exchange. If you have the time and inclination, please bring one wrapped ornament to swap grab bag style. Much less work than cookies!

Please call and let me know whether or not you will be able to attend (708) 974-5714 or e-mail malina@cc.il.us.

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## Democrats and Republicans battle it out over airport issues

Leaders of the Suburban O'Hare Commission today condemned the effort by two Illinois lawmakers to slip the Airport Security Act a poison pill for the South Suburban airport.

Under a barely-noticed provision reportedly offered by Rep. William Lipinski (D-IL) and Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL.), the new airport north of Peotone would be denied federal money if an expanded O'Hare Airport is not approved by 2004.

In effect, the legislation would make the massive O'Hare expansion a federal project to be carried out by the city of Chicago. The bill is an attempt to prevent the next governor from exercising his legal authority to stop

the O'Hare project.

"The airport Security Act is the centerpiece of efforts to restore public confidence in air travel by making it safer," SOC leadership said in a statement. "To use such critical legislation for personal political gain insults the efforts of those who are working so hard to protect America from terrorism."

SOC warned that the offensive provision is far from dead, predicting that it will reappear in a future appropriations bill. SOC observed that it is easier to sneak such provisions into emergency legislation and appropriations bills because of their immediate importance or huge size.

## Lipinski Supports Tougher Immigration Controls

Congressman Bill Lipinski announced today that he is cosponsoring H.R.3229, the Visa Entry Reform Act. This legislation is designed to tighten immigration controls and improve the use of technology at borders and ports of entry into the U.S.

"In light of recent terrorist attacks, it is clear that we must take intelligent, immediate steps to enhance the security of our borders," Lipinski said. "This legislation would implement many changes that are vital to our war on terrorism."

H.R. 3229 would establish the development of a single, comprehensive computerized database to screen visa applicants and applicants for admission to the U.S. The Visa Entry Reform Act would also create a biometric "SmartVisa" system, which would include tamper-proof, machine readable visas containing biometric identifiers and biometric data, and machines to electronically scan and read the visas at each port of entry.

## McNamara will speak to Kiwanis group

John J. McNamara, Director, Satellite Operations, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before the Oak Lawn Kiwanis on Thursday, December 6 at 7pm, following a 6:30 dinner at the Old Barn Restaurant, 8100 S. Parkside in Burbank.

Virginia Herman, coordinator, announced that McNamara will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office.

McNamara's duties include directing all operations at six courthouses countywide and maintain historical archives at the County Warehouse in Chicago. He has been a dedicated leader in the community for many years.

## Publisher's Editorial

By Annette Dixon

It's a sad day for journalism when a national newspaper as the Sunday Southtown, December 2nd issue, has a story on the front page about a 5th grade basketball team. The article was about the league opener and it would never had been a front page story if the discrepancy did not take place.

The Southside Catholic Conference League has been in the news a little too long. The court settled the dispute, but yet the basketball game of two teams made TV network news and also national press.

When will we be able to conduct ourselves as professionals and be able to place national news on the front page if we are calling our-

selves a national newspaper. If the Southtown Newspaper knew their destination, they would be able to have either a national newspaper or a community paper! It is interesting watching their perspective of the news.

They do title their paper as Southtown, Covering the Southland since 1906. When Bruce Sagan owned the paper it was a community paper but now I notice they cover Associated news stories and stories from various states and yet handle a local story on the front page.

Southtown carries local stories only when they are controversial, such as Oak Lawn District 229. As a subscriber, I am tired of reading on the front page of the

newspaper about such stories.

It is well known in our communities that the Star, that like the Southtown is owned by Hollinger Press, repeats the local stories after they appear in the Southtown.

The business of Hollinger Press is just that, *their* business, and I'm not telling them how they should run their papers, but as a subscriber, someone who gets the paper day after day, it would be nice to see local controversial stories not constantly beaten like a dead horse.



## St. Martin graduates meet monthly renewing their friendships

St. Martin of Tours which was located on 59th and Princeton in Chicago was remembered each month when various people from graduating classes of 1938 through 1956 meet at Hackney to reminisce.

Graduating Class of 1944 which attended the meeting of November pictured left to right are: Marvin (Tootsie) Mathias, Augie Arrigo, Gerry Ricardo, Robert Schmitz, Marie Brannan, Lawrence Gliemi.

Anyone who lived in the neighborhood or attended St. Martin can meet on the last Monday of each month at Hackney Restaurant on 123rd and LaGrange Rd.

## Toy Drive to Benefit Little Company Pediatric Unit

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kevin Dowling "Christmas is for Kids" toy drive will benefit pediatric patients at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers as well as Courage of Oak

Lawn and Misericordia.

The Kevin Dowling Toy Drive will be held on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 3-8 p.m. at Seans Rhino Bar, 10330 S. Western Ave. All new children's toys are accepted for ages infant to 15 years including videos, CDs, cassette and CD players, gift certificates from local restaurants, theaters and malls, craft items such as hook rugs, paints and crayons. Please bring new toys unwrapped.

Monetary donations are accepted and all proceeds are donated to the Little Company Foundation, Courage of Oak Lawn, and Misericordia. Please make checks payable to the Kevin Dowling Scholarship Fund.

The Kevin Dowling Scholarship Fund was established in 1996 in memory of Kevin Dowling, a Mt. Carmel High School student and football player.

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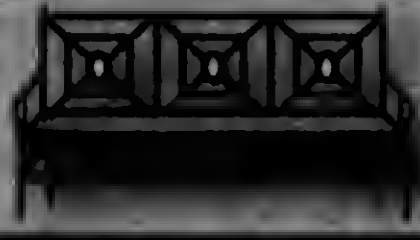
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# The Plaza Perspective

## Looking for Something Unique? Shop The Plaza's Boutiques!

You don't have to travel out of the neighborhood to buy custom-blended cosmetics, high style hats and aromatherapy essential oils. They're all available -- and much more -- just around the corner at The Plaza. The specialty boutiques that dot the mall offer shoppers an excellent variety of unique gifts and accessories. **Infinite Shades Cosmetics**, located along the corridor that connects the center mall to the north mall, sells a full line of cosmetics, but specializes in shades that match a woman's complexion. You can make an appointment to have your make-up applied, or sign up for a class and learn professional techniques for cosmetic application. Services include eyebrow shaping, false eyelash application and electrolysis. Once your make-up is applied, step next door to **Hats n' More** to choose a hat, scarf or hair ornament that will provide the final fashion touches. Hats range from truly fabulous dress styles with feathers and spangles, to dress-down denim caps. Also available are after-five handbags, hosiery, and a colorful collection of scarves. If you're ready for a new look or maybe just a boost for your natural hair, **Plaza Wigs** offers a full line of wigs and hair pieces, as well as wig and hair accessories. Rings and things are all the rage, and at **Ernest Brandon Silver Jewelry** you'll find a great selection of stylish silver rings, bracelets and necklaces. Studded with gems and stones, or sculpted in unusual shapes, this jewelry is perfect for completing your wardrobe, and priced so that you don't have to choose just one item! Sex appeal starts next to the skin, and **LaFemme** offers a variety of lacy, colorful lingerie and teddies. Once your outfit is complete, it's time to think about scent. In The Plaza find two boutiques that offer excellent options. **Perfumania** offers discount prices on your favorite perfumes and colognes for men and women. Boxed sets are perfect for pampering yourself or giving as gifts, and **Perfumania** also sells a full line of bath and shower gels with matching lotions, and skin and hair care products. **Just the Scent of It** sells natural oils that can be custom-blended into personalized scents and lotions but this unique shop's offerings extend to natural soaps, aromatherapy candles and essential oils and accessories like diffusers.

## Real Life Size Styles for Women -- and Men -- at The Plaza

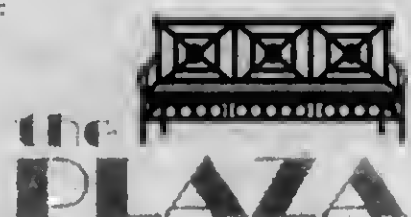
More than 49 million American women wear size 14 or over, and every one of them wants to look and feel good. Stores specializing in fashions for real size women are becoming more and more popular as designers recognize that curves are part of a realistic body type. The Plaza is a pace-setter in fashions for real life size women as well as big and tall men. Posted in **Lane Bryant**, one of the first stores in The Plaza to exclusively offer larger sizes, is the philosophy "beauty has nothing to do with age or size." That philosophy is reflected in the fashions displayed in the store: Stylish, work and casual clothing, from comfortable corduroy slacks and jeans, to lovely lingerie. Signs say it all: These are clothes for "Real Women". **August Max** has been open in The Plaza for 10 years, and serves discerning clients shopping for high-end business-wear. Suits and slacks with classic lines and flattering styles are offered in terrific seasonal colors. "We have a steady customer base," said store manager Barbara Wheeler, adding that August Max shoppers are professional women looking for quality and style. Women looking for evening wear and dressy clothing shop at **Barnett's**. Plus sizes go up to 24 for women, offering really beautiful fashions perfect for weddings, fund raisers, and church. Unisex styles are available in leather outerwear up to size 6X, and in the very popular Coogi sweaters up to size 4X. Casual clothing is comfortable, cute and fashionable at **Ashley Stewart** -- a store for "great women of style." **Avenue Plus** has big-shirts, sweaters and coordinates in luscious fall colors: plum, taupe and mustard. Attractive all-weather outfits with jackets and matching pants are perfect for looking great for outdoor activities from hiking to football games. Young teen to young adult, it's fun to fit into the hip fashion trends. Find the sizes you need at **Deb Plus** and **Lady Lark**.

Clothes that fit your individual size and flair can be found at **Divine Mode** where you can choose from ready-made apparel to size 31, or have an outfit custom made. Women aren't the only shoppers who are interested in comfort and style in real life sizes.

**Mr. Kay's** is a fashion-forward store offering Italian-designed clothing off the rack and custom-made. In the store find sizes up to 26W for women and men's suits to size 58.

"Of course, we can make any size you need," said owner Nasser Diab, adding that customers are welcome to select the style and fabric to insure they have just the right look and fit in a custom-made garment. Mr. Kay's also provides alterations at no charge. Quality, affordability and selection keep customers of all sizes coming back to **The Leading Man**, a store that's traded in men's fashions at The Plaza for 16 years and as a company for 52. Owner Marshall Schneider said this full service store is known for its suits, but also sells slacks, shirts, sweaters and accessories. Suits are available to size

56, slacks to a 48 waist and sweaters to 5X. **Fashions by J&S Brock** offers dress clothing designed to fit women and men of all sizes, up to size 30 for women and 64 for men's suits. **Big Time** provides high style clothing for big and tall men looking for "attire with attitude." This shop has everything from casual to dress clothing, including ties, belts and accessories that suit the larger man. Clothing sizes range from XLT to 8XL, suits are available in sizes up to 72, and shoe sizes go up to 26. Young men can stop in at **Man Alive** - in two locations at The Plaza - for a wide selection of urban hip hop clothes that go up to 3X in sweater and 42-44 in pants. It's all casual here, so stop by to shop for button down shirts, sweatshirts and pants. Take a trip to the **Wild, Wild West** for a selection of leather garments and outerwear, as well as hats, boots and belts. This shop is for everyone, and real life sizes are available for men and women up to 7X in outerwear. Whatever your size or style, shop The Plaza for high quality fashions.



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Saturday, 10a.m. - 8p.m.

#### week of December 16:

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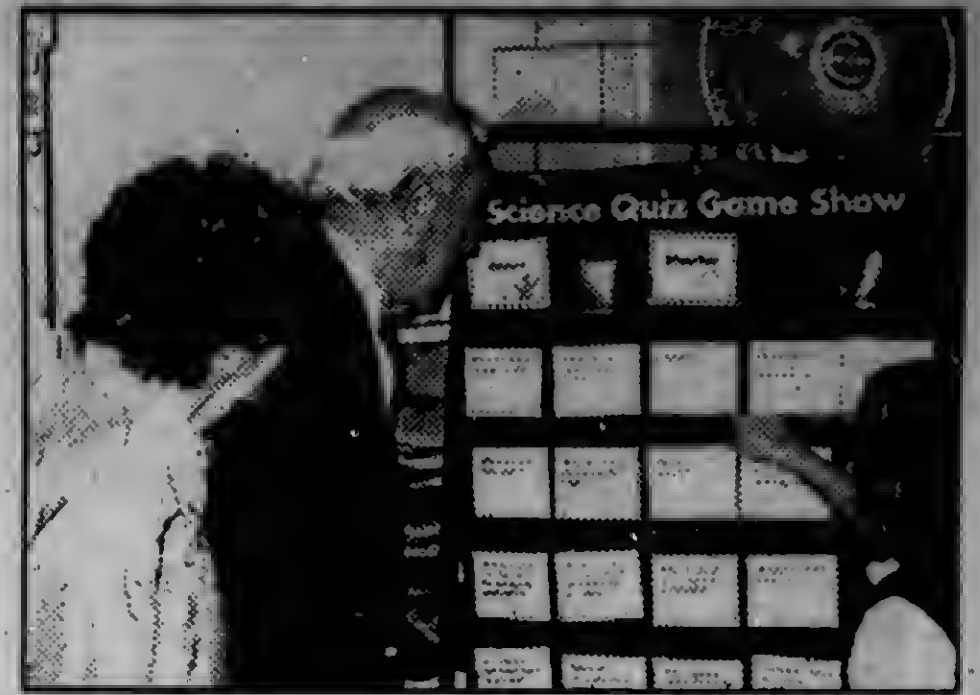




Dan Clohessy and his grandmother, Mary Kilbain.



Patrick Meyer shows his work to his grandmother, Patricia Gannon.



Megan Lavelle playing a science game with her grandparents, Marie and John Lavelle.



Renee Matthews and her grandfather, Bill Matthews.

## Grandparents Day at St. Bernadette

St. Bernadette School students celebrated Grandparents Day with special events on Friday, November 16th. The day began with a special Liturgy attended by the students and grandparents. Dr. Adolph Bona, MD and his grandson, Kevin Barsaloux each read their reflections on what it means to be a grandparent and a grandson.

Following the Mass, the grandparents were treated to a breakfast and a performance by the music classes.

Led by their instructor, Mrs. Leslie Kelly, the students sang songs from around the world to emphasize cultural diversity around the world.

Following the performance, the guests were able to visit the children in their classrooms. The students displayed a variety of school work and some played games. Many children asked grandparents to help in creating a family tree or to work on a science project.



Kevin Barsaloux and Dr. Adolph Bona

### Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce Christmas luncheon

and 6:30-8:30 pm.

Each child who visits Santa will receive a small gift. Please bring your camera!

If you have questions, please contact Sue Sortino at 708/371-2900.

The Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce will host a Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 13 at noon at the Evergreen Park Library at 9400 S. Troy.

The cost for the luncheon is \$20 per person, which includes appetizers, salad, a full-course meal, and dessert. The luncheon will also feature entertainment by Cat Catalani, who will perform "Gershwin to Now!", a treasury of favorites from the 1930's to today.

Please call 708/422-8522 by December 10 to make your reservations for this festive event.

### Meet Santa at Township Office

Santa Claus is coming to town...the Worth Township Youth Commission office, that is.

The jolly man himself will be greeting children on Mondays-Fridays from December 3-14th from 3:30-5:30 pm

### Worth Township seeks holiday donations

Worth Township Youth Commission Office will accept new toys, cloths, and slightly used coats for families with young children who are experiencing financial difficulties through the holidays. Items are given to families in the communities by generous donations from local businesses, churches, schools, civic groups, and private families.

Donations can be brought to the Youth Commission Office through Friday, December 14th. The office is located in the Worth Township Town Hall at 11601 S. Pulaski Road in Alsip. Please contact Sue Sortino, Youth Commission Director, at 708/371-2900 for more information.

## Some facts about the United Way of Suburban Chicago

Formed in 1947, the United Way of Suburban Chicago (UWSC) is a federation of 52 member United Ways serving 162 suburban communities in Cook, DuPage, Southeast Lake, and parts of Kane and Will counties. Supported by the UWSC, these local United Way agencies work together to meet the needs of suburban residents through various community funded by each individual United Way.

UWSC is a not-for-profit organization directed by a 36-member volunteer board. It coordinates local suburban fundraising efforts, providing funds to its member United Ways to support more than 270 health and human care agencies, which offer community programs and services. A network of programs include those which nurture children and youths, develop self-sufficiency,

strengthen families and individuals, foster health and wellness, and build strong communities.

In the Chicago area, UWSC and its member Unites Ways participate in a unique partnership unlike any other in the nation. They join together with the United Way of Chicago and distribute funds to each community based on priority service needs.

These needs are identified and determined by local residents, community leaders and United Way volunteers. UWSC's program is flexible in that funds can be reallocated annually to continue to address and better serve communities and various programs. Some communities have made these adjustments as a result of events that have taken place since September 11.



### Queen of Martyrs Kindergarten Library Dedication

In a cooperative effort, the kindergarten teachers and parents of Queen of Martyrs School have initiated a unique and innovative project. They have created a new classroom library made up of favorite books and stories. Each student was asked to choose and purchase a favorite story from a group of pre-selected books, and donate it to the Kindergarten library. In return students could dedicate their book with a seal on the inside cover. There will be a Library dedication and blessing of the books to be held Wednesday, December 5th at 6 p.m. at Queen of Martyrs School, Evergreen Park. Santa will also be present to thank the children for being so good for their donations to the library. He will read one of his favorite books, and then make a library donation.

For more information about donating to the Kindergarten Library, please call the school at (708) 422-1540.

### 'Hansel and Gretel' lecture at Oak Lawn Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library will host a free lecture on the opera "Hansel and Gretel" on Sunday, December 9 at 2 pm in their lower level meeting room.

At this informative session, a member of the Lyric Opera of Chicago Lecture Corps will describe the plot, give background on the composer, Engelbert Humperdinck, and play musical selections.

A complete schedule of opera lectures is available at the library's Community Information Centers, first floor, or at the web site at [www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us). Or call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, at 708/422-4900.

**Merry Christmas**





## 'Les Miserables' returns

*Les Miserables*, the legendary musical by Alain Boubil and Claude-Michel Schonberg, will play a six-week limited engagement at the Auditorium Theatre starting December 26, 2001-February 2, 2002. Tickets for the popular musical are now on sale.

Randal Keith heads the cast as the fugitive "Jean Valjean". Keith has toured throughout Europe and the

US in productions such as "Evita" and "Chess".

Based on Victor Hugo's classic novel, *Les Miserables* is an epic saga that sweeps through three turbulent decades of 19th century France.

Tickets range from \$17-\$72 and are on sale through Ticketmaster at 312/902-1500 or online at ticketmaster.com. Please visit the official website at [www.lesmis.com](http://www.lesmis.com).

## Christmas Concert at Moraine

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of holiday preparations and enjoy a fun afternoon by attending the Moraine Valley College presentation of the Southwest Community Concert Band's Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. in the Dorothy Menker Theater, on campus, at 10900 S. 88<sup>th</sup> Ave., Palos Hills.

Ray Forlenza will conduct the Holiday performance. He is employed as a band director by Kirby School District 140 in Tinley Park where he teaches beginning band, jazz band and the middle school symphonic band.

The concert is general admission, and ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors. For more information contact the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500.



## Red, white and blue fever creates 'hot' ice production

By Joyce Macey.

Patriotism and "proud to be an American" prevails at the smash new ice production "The Magic of Ice" runs through January 13 at the Drury Lane Theater in Evergreen Park.

John R. Lazarra, wrote, produced and directed the extravaganza with Richard Porter, of Advanced Entertainment.

An array of ice pros entertain for more than two hours. Mark Mandina of Nice, France is a showstopper. He appeared in the '92 Olympics opening and closing ceremonies and has performed all over the world. Larissa Zamotina hails from Leningrad, Russia and has been skating since she was a youngster and was also part of the Disney Ice Shows starring as Jasmine in Aladdin. Also to be etched in your memory are Erin Covington

and Cheyne Copage, principal Adagio performers.

This couple create pure magic on ice with their grace and form. Especially, skating to "Phantom of the Opera". Cheyne effortlessly tosses Erin into the air. With her slim, elegant form she seems to float back into his arms.

All of the skaters including the superb ensemble are magically melded into a unit geared to entrance the audience.

The American theme is just enough to get the theatergoers on their feet with their enthusiasm as they demonstrate they are truly happy to live in this country and be Americans.

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Pictured are (from left) Ed McElroy, Commissioner Yourell, and Judge Harris

## "Community in Focus" features Yourell and Harris as guests

On the November 15 edition of cable channel 43's "Community in Focus" program, sponsored by Ed Mc Elroy, featured Commissioner Harry "Bus" Yourell of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, and Judge Sheldon Harris of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Commissioner Yourell recently made a fourteen country trip for five weeks. He discussed these countries on the show, mentioning Indo China, China, Taiwan, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Thailand, Berma and Laos. When asked which one impressed him, he said Cambodia because of the ancient temples.

Judge Harris discussed the various functions of the Cook County Circuit Court, the largest judicial system with a total of 450 judges. He also mentioned the severity of driving under the influence of alcohol.

## Strictly Sail Chicago at Navy Pier Department of Health offers immunizations

More than 20,000 people are expected to visit Navy Pier to see more than 250 exhibitors showcasing sailboats, products and services at the 7th Annual Strictly Sail Chicago, hosted by Sail America and the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) January 31-February 3, 2002.

New to this year's show is an interactive virtual sailing system. A 12'-15' boat will be hooked up to a tri-pod, giving attendees a chance to experience sailing indoors. One successful attraction making a return to this year's event will be the remote control pond, where adults and children can race miniature sailboats for a chance to win prizes.

A host of educational and informational seminars are scheduled for the event. Gary Jobson, a world-class sailor, tv commentator author and corporate advisor is schedule to speak.

The show is open 11am-8pm. For information, please call 401/841-0900 or visit [www.sailamerica.com](http://www.sailamerica.com).

Saint Xavier University and the Chicago Department of Health will offer immunizations from 9am-12:30 pm on Tuesday, December 18 at the Nursing Center, 3700 W. 103rd Street in Chicago.

Available immunizations include Prevnar, Chickepox, DTP, Hib, MMR, Polio, and Hepatitis B. Hepatitis B immunizations will be available for children who have not reached their 19th birthday. Free early childhood developmental screening will be available for children ages 6 months-three years.

KIDS, the City of Chicago's child identification program will also be available at that time. KIDS is a free service to Chicago parents who wish to have their child's photo and descriptive information securely stored in a database in the Clerk's office. This information can then be posted on the internet and sent to law enforcement and the media in the event that a child is reported missing to the police. This information is quickly available to

assist in the search for a missing child.

Due to a national shortage of the tetanus vaccine and by order of the Health Department, the Nursing Center will not give tetanus boosters to any child over the age of seven. The booster requirement is waived for entry into high school until further notice.

No appointments are needed, but patients will be seen in order of their arrival. All parents must present immunization records for their children, as no child will be seen without these.

A donation of \$10 per family is requested, to allow Saint Xavier to continue these programs at the Nursing Center. The primary concern is the health of citizens and no one will be denied service.

Limited parking is available at the Nursing Center. For information on Nursing Center services, please call 773/298-3712.

## Social Security Announces 2002 Benefit increase

Monthly social security and supplemental security income (SSI) benefits will increase 2.6 percent in 2002. 50 million beneficiaries nationwide will receive the increase.

Today's news tells us that inflation continues to be low which is certainly good news for the elderly and disabled. Inflation is one of the greatest challenges for people living on a fixed income.

The 2.6 percent increase will begin with Social Security beneficiaries (45 million nationwide) in January, 2002. Increased payments to SSI beneficiaries (6 million nation wide) will begin on Dec. 31.

The 2.6 increase would also mean a 2.6 increase in the amount of cash beneficiaries in the area would have to spend, an important consideration in today's economy. For Social Security beneficiaries, the average monthly amount for all retired workers will rise from \$852 to \$874. The maximum federal SSI monthly payment to an individual will rise from \$531 to \$545. For a couple, the maximum federal SSI payment will rise from

\$796 to \$817.

The annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) is one of the most critically important features of the Social Security program. For the elderly it guarantee that their foundation of retirement income will remain strong for as long as they live.

Social Security and SSI benefits increase automatically each year based on the rise in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) from the third quarter of one year through the corresponding period of the next. This year's increase in the CPI-W was 2.6 percent. Based on the increase in the CPI-W from the third quarter of 2000 through the third quarter of 2001, Social Security and SSI beneficiaries will receive a 2.6 percent COLA for 2002.

Some other changes that take affect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$84,400 in 2002.

As a result of the increase in the taxable maximum in 2002, the maximum yearly Social Security tax paid by employees and employers will increase by \$279 each. For self-employed workers, it will rise by \$558. Of the approxi-

mately 154 million workers who pay Social Security taxes, only about 10.5 million are affected by the higher wage base in 2002. Also based on the increase in average wages, the amount of earnings required to earn a quarter of coverage will increase to \$870 in 2002, up from \$830 this year.

Information about Medicare changes for 2002 can be found at [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov) -the Internet Site for the Department of Health and Human Services.

## Concert on Dec. 9th

Musichorale, one of Chicago's longest established choral groups, is proudly celebrating its 55th season with a gala Christmas concert and dinner Sunday, December 9th at Palos Country Club, 131st Street and Southwest Highway. The concert will feature seasonal favorites, including White Christmas, Silver Bells, Sleigh Ride, I'll Be Home for Christmas, and Carol of the Drum, as well as songs from our newly released CD, Christmas Delights. All sales from this non-profit chorus go toward the maintenance of the group. Tickets for the 55th Noel Concert at 3:20 p.m. can be purchased in advance for \$9. (\$8. Seniors), and dinner reservations can be made for \$30 by calling (708)423-1124.



## Judge Gordon Awarded

Judge Robert E. Gordon of the Circuit Court of Cook County was recently awarded the Selective Service System Bronze Medal, for serving twenty years to the Illinois Draft Board. The judge also served as a chairman. For the last four years, Judge Gordon has presided over Civil Jury Trials. He received his Juris Doctor Degree from De Paul University. Presenting the award is Colonel Dennis Lesniak of the U.S. Army. Lesniak is also Commander in the Chicago Police Department.





## Governor's wife attends fundraiser

Illinois First Lady Laura Lynn Ryan congratulates Monsignor McDermott at the Annual McDermott Foundation's fundraiser. The McDermott Center houses many different services, including the Haymarket Center, which provides treatment and services to people with alcohol and chemical dependencies.

## Evergreen Park Library December happenings

The Evergreen Park Public Library has planned many events and activities for the upcoming weeks which include:

*Mother Goose and Her Friends...* join Mother Goose as she presents a program for children in 1st grade and under, filled with nursery rhymes and poetry. Registration is required for this event, which will take place on Saturday, December 8 at 10 am.

The library is collecting donations of non-perishable foodstuffs and paper products for the Evergreen Park Village Pantry during December. You can also decorate the Mitten Tree with new mittens, hats, gloves and scarves to benefit families in need in Evergreen Park and

Worth Township.

The Skylarks musical group will perform a lively and entertaining collection of popular hits and patriotic songs on Sunday, December 16 at 1 pm. This is a free program, and registration is required.

The Library will also host artist May Mesco for a origami ornament workshop on Tuesday, December 11 at 7 pm. This is a hands-on craft for residents high school age and older. Please call 708/422-8522 to make reservations.

For further information about Evergreen Park Public Library or events, please contact Nicki Seidl, Director, at 708/422-8522 or email her at seidl@hotmail.com.

## Oak Lawn Park District

The Oak Lawn Park District announced completion of a project that has transformed the outdoor tennis courts at Centennial Park, located at 93rd Street and Nashville Avenue, into an area for inline skaters.

For information on Centennial Park or other parks in Oak Lawn, call the park district at 708/857-2200 or email info@olparks.com.

## Holiday concert at Lourdes High School

Lourdes High School at 4034 W. 56th Street, is pleased to announce that their holiday concert, "Forever Christmas", will be held on Thursday, December 20 from 7:30-8:30 pm in Stritch Hall Auditorium.

Under the direction of chorus director Ms. Marianges Menden, "Forever Christmas" will feature the LHS Show Chorus performing a song and dance review of favorite Christmas songs. Everything from Santa to carolers, from Frosty to Snowflakes will be featured.

Tickets cost \$5 each and may be purchased at the door. For information, please call Lourdes High School at 773/581-2555.

## Blake-Lamb to Hold Holiday Remembrance Ceremony

The Lamb family and personnel of Blake-Lamb Funeral Homes invite you to remember your loved one in a Holiday Family Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday, December 9th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at our funeral home located at 4727 W. 103rd Street in Oak Lawn. A special Prayer Service will be held at noon in which guests are asked to place a "Snowflake of Love" with either the name or a two-inch circular photo of your family member on the Family Memory Tree.

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For additional information, please call (708) 636-1193 or (773) 735-4242.

## Northpole.com donates banner ads

*Northpole.com*, a website for children, provides children a quick, secure and certain means to write to Santa and get a reply. The site also has given back to the community by donating 1 million banner ads to children's groups.

A million banner ads and links on the website were granted to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Make-A-Wish Foundation of America, the Silver Lining Foundation, and Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Last year, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital reported receiving 20,000 visitors to its website as a direct result of the donated banner ads.

"We feel strongly that all businesses ought to lend their support to charitable causes," said Jim Clutter, creator of *northpole.com*. "We chose these organizations because of their success and commitment in treating and re-

searching children's diseases and improving the quality of life for these children."

Clutter adds, "Our hope is that visitors to our site will learn about the work being done by these institutions, and that this will ultimately help these groups."

*Northpole.com* features hundreds of detailed, original, hand-drawn artwork. The site opens to a panoramic view of Santa's Secret Village (sm), the home of Santa, his elves, and reindeer. Visitors click on different "rooms" to enter, leading to activities and stories.

Another distinguishing factor is the use of *northpole.com* as an educational tool. A number of elementary schools report using the site during their designated computer time, allowing children to send letters to Santa and at the same time learn basic skills of email and Internet navigation.

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Lessons can either be 30 minutes or an hour in length, and students may sign-up for a full semester or simply enroll in eight week sessions.

Students must be at least 9 years of age for instrument lessons and 12 years of age for voice lessons. Students must own or have access to the specific instrument being taught.

All students must attend a short orientation session in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater on campus, to meet with a music instructor and schedule the day and time of their lesson.

The fee for 8-week, 30-minute lessons is \$145, the fee for eight-week, one-hour lessons is \$290.

Students may enroll December 10 from 1-2 pm and 7-8 pm; January 14 and March 11 from 1-2 pm and 7-8 pm at the Oremus Theater.

For more information, please call 708/974-5755 or 708/974-5393.

## Christ Hospital needs people to deliver meals to the homebound

Advocate Christ Medical Center at 4440 W. 95th Street in Oak Lawn is looking for volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound seniors.

Serving the communities of Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn and Hometown, drivers visit 10 seniors once a week. Drivers not only bring needed nourishment but also a friendly face and warm

greetings to seniors.

Distribution of meals takes less than three hours. If you have a car and are available between 10 am and noon any weekday, please call Carol O'Brien, Senior Advocate department, at 708/346-4150.

## 50th class reunion

A 50th class reunion is being planned for the Harrison Technical High School, classes of January 1952 and June 1952. The event will be held in the fall of 2002 and help is needed to locate classmates. Anyone who is a member of these classes or has information about members of these classes are asked to contact Richard Doman at 708/430-9118



## Les Brothers an Oak Lawn establishment

Congratulations to Murat and Theresa for their endurance to work the busy day for owner, George Les. They served many Thanksgiving dinners at \$5.95 along with many take-out orders. another well patronized establishment in Oak Lawn.

## Holiday singing at Oak Lawn

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will ring in the holiday's with a two-part musical program at their next monthly luncheon Tuesday, December 11 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero

Avenue. Social hour is at 11:30 am and lunch will be served at noon.

Entertainment will be provided by the Richards High School Show Choir and the Plank Road Harmonizers, a barber shop quartet from the Oak Lawn chapter of SPEBSGSA, the Society for

the Preservation of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.

For reservations, please call 708/424-8300.

## Congress agrees on airport security measures

A bipartisan group of House and Senate negotiators agreed on measures to federalize security officials and baggage screeners after overcoming strong opposition from House Republicans, including Rep. Jerry Weller (IL.11). These long overdue steps to strengthen airport security will reassure travelers by restoring confidence in the nation's air travel system.

Recently, instead of voting for a bill to federalize airport security screeners that every single U.S. Senator supported, Rep. Weller voted for a bill pushed by Republican House Leader Dick Armey and Republican House Whip Tom DeLay that would maintain the status quo at airports across the country.

If House Republicans had voted for the bill the Senate passed weeks ago, President Bush would have signed the measure into law and efforts to strengthen security at our

nation's airports would already be underway. Unfortunately, Rep. Weller and House Republicans opposed federalizing airport workers for purely partisan purposes.

"Americans have been waiting for measures to improve airport security, but when the time came to exercise leadership, Rep. Weller chose delay over action," said Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) spokeswoman Kim Rubey. "The new agreement on airport security is a victory for American travelers, but Rep. Weller will not be able to use this deal to hide behind his past vote opposing the federalization of airport security officials. His constituents were disappointed by his vote, and they will not forget his decision."

From the DCCC Rapid Response. Contact Kim Rubey at 202/863-1500 for more information.



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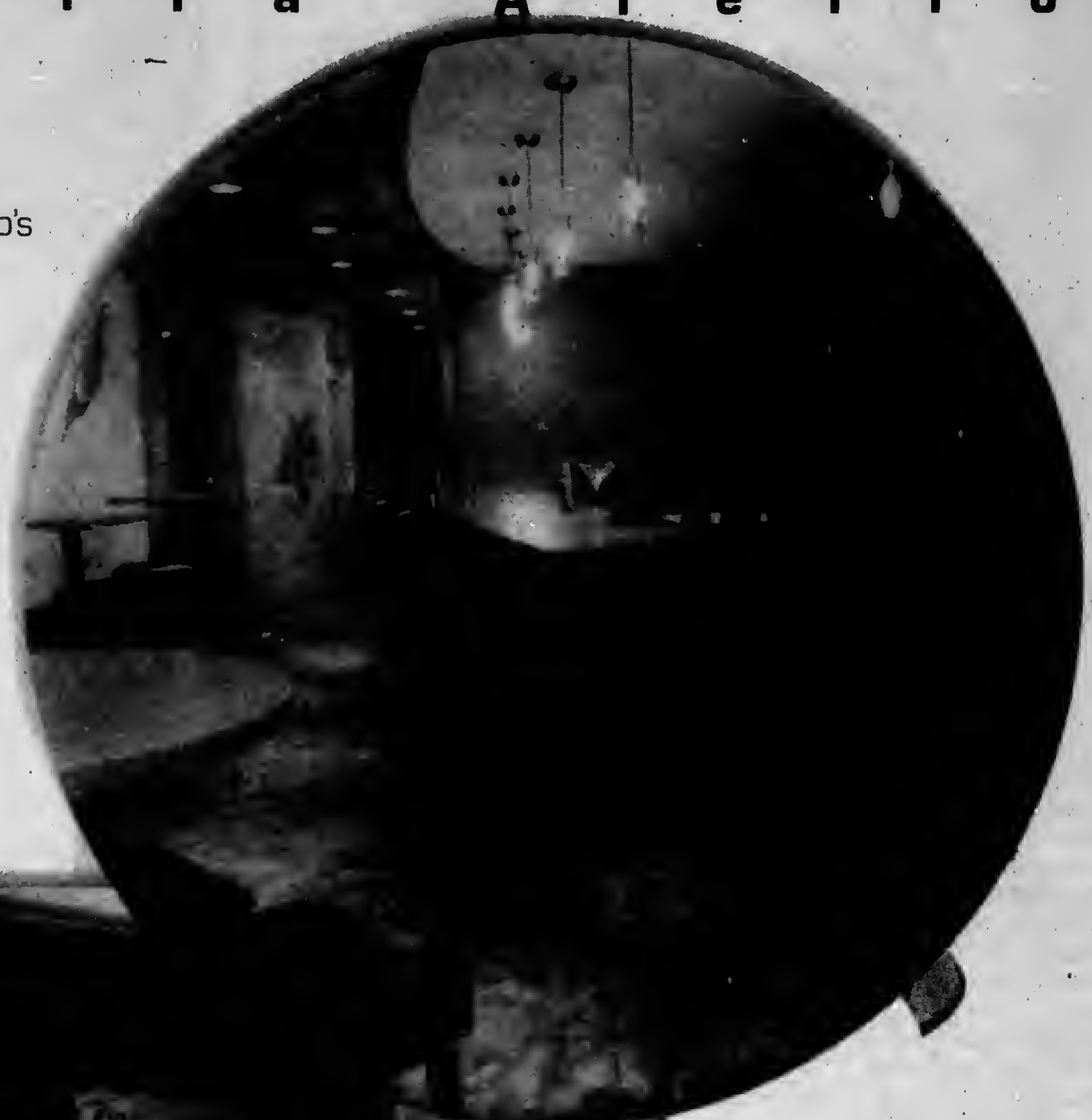
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## St. Laurence Hosts Annual Open House

St. Laurence High School, 77<sup>th</sup> and Central in Burbank, will host an Open House on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, for boys and their families (grades 6 through 8). The event will run from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Each group of students will learn firsthand about the school's commitment to promoting leadership and cultivating leaders in and out of the classroom setting. For 41 years, the Christian Brothers school has molded students into leaders in the workplace, the church, and the entire community.

Each tour will be hosted by a St. Laurence student, parent, and faculty member, and will give visitors the opportunity to visit all areas of the campus. Stops will emphasize the school's Reilly Computer Center, the Media Center, the Computer Graphics Center, the new Science Resource Network, and the Guidance and Counseling Center featuring college placement and career planning services.

Other stops will include the school's cafeteria, which will be the focal point for questions for faculty, staff, and coaches re-

garding academic and athletic programs, as well as transportation and financial aid information. Snacks and refreshments will also be served.

"Our open house gives all elementary school students and their parents a unique look at all of the benefits, advantages and opportunities St. Laurence students enjoy," commented Tom Kurzawski, Director of Admissions.

"Our students, parents and staff are all very involved with this event. As a result, we communicate to the prospective Viking students all that St. Laurence has to offer, as well as conveying the genuinely caring and friendly atmosphere along with the message that Laurence is the place 'where leadership begins'," concluded Kurzawski.

More information is available by contacting the Office of Admissions during regular business hours at (708) 458-6900, Ext. 237.



## St. Laurence hosts Olympic night

Seventh and Eighth grade boys are invited to participate in "Olympic Night 2001" at St. Laurence High School on Thursday, December 13 for an exciting evening of contests, competitions, games, and refreshments. Registration will begin at 6:30 pm, while events start at 7:00 pm. Attendees will have the chance to meet St. Laurence student-athletes and the Viking cheerleaders.

"Olympians" will have a chance to test their skills in tug-of-war, and obstacle course, and basketball contests. They can also participate in weightlifting competitions which will be held in the university-style Charles Grunhard Fitness Center. Awards will be presented to all. Pizza and soda will be served in the cafeteria.

All who attend should wear athletic attire and shoes, as street shoes will not be allowed on the Fitness Center floor.

Please call the school at 708/458-6900 ex.242 for details.

## Luther High School South Hosts Open House

Luther High School South will hold its annual Freshman Open House on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, in advance of the Freshman Entrance/Scholarship Test, which is scheduled for Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.

The Open House from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. will give prospective students for the 2002-2003 year and their parents an opportunity to tour the school, meet with teachers and counselors, and learn about the school's academic, athletic, and extra curricular programs and activities.

Registration for the Freshman Entrance/Scholarship Test on December 8<sup>th</sup> can be made by calling the school at (773) 737-1416 or by coming in the school office any day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost of the test is \$40.

For further details regarding either the open house or the Freshman Entrance/Scholarship Test, please call Ms. Tiffany Shanks, Recruitment Director, at the school 3130 West 87<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago.



Joseph Murray



Sandra Wagner

## New Moraine Valley board members begin terms of office

Joseph Murray of Blue Island and Sandra Wagner of Palos Hills recently began their terms of office as the newest members of the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees. They were elected last April to serve six-year terms ending in 2007.

Murphy is director of branch director of branch operations for Track Data Corporation in Chicago, and the owner of Three Sisters Antique mall in Blue Island.

Wagner, a yoga instructor,

served on the Moraine Valley Community College board for eight years.

Trustees also recognized and thanked Thomas Sullivan of Oak Lawn and John Hyland of Palos Park for their service to the board.

The board also elected John Donahue as chairman; Patricia Roach, vice chairman, and John Daley, secretary. They will serve two-year terms. Trustee Mary Nolan of Oak Lawn began her second term on the board.



Pictured here are some of the students with Rep. McCarthy (left to right) Chris Miller, Jim DeGrado, Drew Miller, Rep. McCarthy, Tom McNery, Greg Jachymiak and Joe Lucio.

## Representative McCarthy visits St. Laurence

Illinois State Representative (37th District) Democrat Kevin McCarthy visited St. Laurence High School and spoke to the government classes at the invitation of the classes' teachers, Mr. Mike Kocher and Mr. Thomas Rezek.

Rep. McCarthy explained the legislative process using examples of how bills are written, passed and enacted. He also explained his office and what his responsibilities are to his constituents.

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Jane Danzl, R.N., B.S.N.

## Jane Danzl becomes Little Company of Mary's Asst. Vice-President of Patient Care Centers

The Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers in Evergreen Park is pleased to announce the appointment of Jane Danzl, R.N., B.S.N., to the newly created position of Assistant Vice President, Patient Care Services. Danzl now has direct responsibility for the hospital's Post-Anesthesia Recovery Unit, One Day Surgery, Operating Rooms, Sterile Processing, ICU, Center for Complete Wound Care and Hyperbaric

Therapy, Home Based Services, Emergency Department and Home Health Equipment Center. "Little Company has always had a reputation for professional, compassionate care of its patients," remarked Danzl. "I am grateful to the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary and to the administration of the hospital for the confidence and support they have shown me." Danzl, a resident of Ever-

green Park, earned her bachelor of science, nursing degree from Lewis University and is working toward her master of science, health services administration from the University of St. Francis. Danzl holds Illinois licenses as a Registered Professional Nurse and Nursing Home Administrator. She is a member of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and the American Heart Association.

## Free prescription drug assistance

The Prescription Assistance Coalition of Chicago recently published a booklet, *How to Get Free Prescription Drugs When You Can't Afford to Pay*. The booklet gives information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs.

"There are over 70 programs from major drug manufacturers that provide free or low cost medication. These programs are rarely, if ever, publicized," says Chris Pongsak, a researcher at Prescription Assistance Coalition. "We've published an A-Z listing of all the drugs that are available to certain qualified groups for free or at a very low cost."

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the costs of printing, postage and handling to: Central Fulfillment Center, Free Prescription Drug Booklet Offer #FPDI116, PO Box 408342 Chicago IL 60640-8342.

## Oak Lawn Library

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will sponsor free blood pressure screenings the third Wednesday of every month from noon-2 pm at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Avenue.

The partnership is a collaboration with Advocate Christ Medical Center, the Village of Oak Lawn, business and community members, to address health, wellness and lifestyle needs of the community.

## Oak Lawn Community Nutrition Network offers much to Seniors

The Oak Lawn C.N.N. serves hot, nutritious lunch five days a week to area seniors. The Center located at 9420 South 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The meals are planned by a registered dietician and are well balanced. Coffee and tea are available all morning. Milk is served with the lunch.

Our participants also enjoy weekly bingo, bunco, parties, day trips, and much more. We encourage our seniors to come early, enjoy

our activities and have Lunch with friends. Many seniors make this their main meal of the day.

Those interested may call for reservations at (708) 422-5180. We hope to see you soon.

## Flu shots at St. Xavier

It is that time of year again...flu season! Saint Xavier University in Chicago is offering low cost flu shots on Friday, December 7 from 10am-2pm at the Nursing Center on the University's Main Campus at 3700 W. 103rd Street.

90 million cases of flu are reported every year in the United States, with about 20,000 lives lost due to this infection. Influenza, the flu, is an acute respiratory infec-

tion caused by a variety of influenza viruses that produce fever, chills, sore throat, muscle aches, and a cough that lasts a week or more. The flu vaccine is recommended for anyone over the age of 65, any person under six months of age, and anyone less able to fight infection due to chronic metabolic diseases.

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## KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

By Kathy Whirity

Last weekend I threw caution to the wind and went shopping at the mall. After vowing to never step foot in a mall again due to fears of terrorism, I knew I'd have to rethink my irrational decision.

Jaime, my oldest, was home from college for the weekend. Anybody who has a daughter knows there are only two true reasons important enough for her to pull herself away from campus life: to catch up with old friends and to go shopping. They figure out, early on, that if they can space out the weekend visits home, far enough apart, Mom will be so happy to spend quality time together that she'll not only want to go shopping, she'll be the one to suggest it.

Well, that's not exactly the way it happened last weekend.

On Saturday, Jaime's persistent hints that she could use a new coat fell on deaf ears. Finally, in desperation, she had no choice but to blurt out, "You wanna go to the mall?"

"Are you crazy?" was my immediate response. I knew I went a step too far with this remark: "And I don't want you to be hanging around the mall either!"

She gave me the look she always gives when she's trying to relay the unspoken message that I've completely lost my mind.

I'd fully planned to stick to my guns, to never set foot in a mall again, but I was suddenly faced with two choices. I could stay home and further my daughter's suspicion that I was a nut case, or I could put my fears aside and enjoy a little mother/daughter bonding at the mall.

I'm happy to report that I did survive the shopping trip, even hanging around long enough to treat myself to a new sweater.

We didn't stop there. Now that I was on a roll, the shopping spree spilled over into a nearby pet store where I lavished my new houseguests (Jaime's parakeets) with a brand new cage, new toys, bird baths and enough treats to last until she graduates. How could I say no to taking them in? With the holidays approaching, she couldn't leave them up at school in an empty apartment, so home they came to Mom.

The need to nurture can be an ally to finding comfort in times of stress. Jaime left for school, happy with her new clothes, and content that her twenty-pies were safe and satisfied in their new surroundings. I felt thankful that I didn't let fear alter what turned out to be a memorable weekend. No one knows what the future holds, but I do know being fearful can only cast a shadow on the special family times that are meant for us to cherish. By going about our daily business, by loving our children, by setting goals and achieving them, we'll focus on the matter of living and that is, after all, what makes the world go around. That is the difference between hiding away and accepting the gloom and doom, or relishing our lives, which is God's greatest gift of all. It is our gift back to him-to live it to our fullest potential, in both good times and bad.



## Giving blood

Bridgeview resident Lynette Houston is shown above during a blood drive at Forest-Med Surg Center in Justice (formerly Mercy Medical). The center is also offering low-cost health screenings, including osteoporosis, cardiovascular and prostate cancer screenings throughout November. For more information call 708/594-3500.

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At the conclusion of the camp, all participants are invited to attend the Marist vs. Joliet basketball game at 7:30 pm. on December 14.

The cost of the camp is \$30. Please contact the high school at 773/881-5300 if you would like to participate.

## Double Dogs take softball championship

Another successful Fall Season is over for the 16" co-ed softball team Double Dogs, managers Ralph Soch, Michelle Sutton Soch, and Team mom/scorekeeper

Mary Sutton.

The Double Dogs had a great 2001 season, finishing 9-1. Three championship games were played on Friday, November 2 in Palos Heights, all wins, due to teamwork and exceptional playing by left-fielder Donny Bain, pitcher Tammy Gitten, and shortstop Ralph Soch.

## Christ Hospital needs volunteers

Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn is seeking new members for its volunteer department. Volunteers are needed Sunday through Saturday, 8am to 9pm.

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

During the next few weeks, Moraine Valley Community College will hosts its 10th annual "Holidays Around the World" ornament display. Participating early childhood and elementary schools, as well as a scout troop, are currently making ornaments that represent different countries. The students will visit the college throughout the holiday season to hang their ornaments on campus evergreen trees. Ornaments will be on display through January 2.

The following is a list of the groups that will participate and the days they will be on campus:

Friday, Dec 7  
Fernway School  
Christian Hill School

Monday, Dec. 10  
Brownie Troop #178

Tuesday, Dec. 11  
Christian Hill School  
Moms Link

Wednesday, Dec. 12  
Paul Revere Primary  
Morton Gingerwood  
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Tuesday, Dec. 18  
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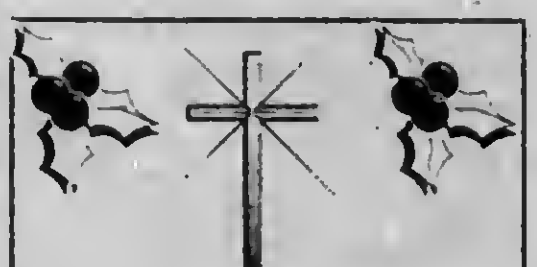
## Friends of the Library to Host Trip

The Friends of the oak Lawn Library will host a day trip to the Pheasant Run Dinner Theatre to enjoy lunch and a matinee performance of "Jekyll & Hyde" on Thursday, January 31st. An in-person registration will be held from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, December 1, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street.

After a delicious lunch, patrons will experience a thrilling musical straight from the Broadway stage. On the way home, dessert will be optional at The Coffee Drop Shop in St. Charles. The bus will depart at 10 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. The cost is \$54 for Friends members and \$56 for others.

After the in-person registration closes, call (708) 422-4990 to find out how you can purchase tickets.

Lawn will be charged a non-refundable fee of \$50. Per use. The entire Board Policy Statement governing meeting room use is attached to each application. Please contact Linda Olsen, public relations officer, at (708) 422-4990 for further details.



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will be Dec. 6-8, 2001, in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Godfryt served in the U.S. Navy with VP-14 during the attack. Former President George Bush will be the keynote speaker at the ceremony, one of only two national events being stated by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association to remember this milestone anniversary. The Texas event is the only national commemoration open to the public. Survivors from more than 41 States, including Brig. Gen. Kenneth Taylor, the fighter pilot who was the inspiration for Ben Affleck's character in the movie "Pearl Harbor."

The commemoration in Fredericksburg begins Dec.

7th at 11:55 a.m. with the broadcast of ceremonies from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, followed by a flyover of F-18 Hornets in a missing man formation. The program features keynote remarks by the former president, who is a Pacific War veteran. Peter Graves, host of the History Channel, will emcee the ceremony. Distinguished guests include Secretary of the Navy Gordon English; James Bradley, author of the best selling book *Flags of Our Fathers*; Academy Award winning actor and WWII veteran. Cliff Robertson, and Texas Governor Rick Perry.

At 3 p.m. that day, church bells throughout the city will ring and vintage WWII aircraft will fill the sky as the Heroes Parade of survivors begins. The commemoration ceremony and parade will be open to the public. Also, on Dec. 7th, the museum will open the Pacific Combat Zone, a new outdoor exhibit which showcases a collection of rare war-era artifacts in realistic Pacific War settings so that Americans today can better understand what troops in the Pacific had to face on a day-to-day basis.

More details are available on the National Museum of the Pacific War website, at [www.nimitz-museum.org](http://www.nimitz-museum.org) and [www.tpwwd.state.tx.us/park/nimitz/nimitz.htm](http://www.tpwwd.state.tx.us/park/nimitz/nimitz.htm), or by phoning their toll free number, (866) PEARL60.

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## Obituary

A tribute by Joyce Macey



William Gleeson

William Gleeson, died suddenly in his apartment on S. Western Ave. in Chicago during Thanksgiving Week, days away from his December 5th birthday. Friends became concerned after not hearing from him. They discovered his body.

Gleeson had a varied and colorful career ranging from spending five years in Canada studying for the priesthood at Mt. Carmel Seminary. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. and was a sergeant when he received his honorable discharge. He also served as editor of the

New World, Sun Standard Newspaper in Blue Island and was the editor of the Back of the Yards Journal at the time of his retirement.

Gleeson was active with the Windy City Vets and enjoyed the yearly trek to Manteno to visit the veterans at the home and hospital. He was also a lover of race horses and one year at the Kentucky Derby, won \$6,000 by betting on a longshot, Gatto Del Sol.

He is survived by three brothers and four sisters: John (Rita), and James, both of Chicago and Phillip (Catherine) of Ohio; Mary of Racine, Wisc.; Katie (Jerome) of Tennessee; Helen (Lionel) and Peggy (Bernard) both of Zion.

Visitation takes place Wednesday, Dec. 5 at Blake Lamb Funeral Home, 4727 N. 103rd St., Oak Lawn. From 9 a.m. to noon. Service is at noon. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

## Clearing homeowners lose natural gas service

By Rick Techman

More than 1100 homes along 63rd Street west of Narragansett Avenue lost access to natural gas for use in furnaces and utilities for at least eight hours or more Friday, November 30 when a crew from the City of Chicago severed a gas main under the street in two separate places.

In an attempt to continue the work of the 63rd Street beautification plan, city workers struck the gas main near 63rd and Nagle while digging into the ground to install new street lights. The main was struck sometime after noon. By 1 p.m., several hundred utility workers from Peoples Energy arrived in Clearing. They immediately began to go door-to-door in the affected area to shut off natural gas lines at the meter in each home.

Heavy equipment was brought into Clearing along 63rd Street where the task of excavating the sites along the curb began. Once enough room was made to reach the severed main, work began on a permanent fix. "They had to move fast," said Clearing Advocate Richard Zilka. "They had to," he added, "shut all the gas off."

Peoples Energy workers rushed to stop the flow of natural gas into homes for fear of combustion, explosions, fire, and asphyxiation. At homes where the residents were not in, utility workers began drilling into the ground in front of the home to find the individual gas line. Once reaching the individual gas source, utility workers shut off the gas from the outside. For all 1100 homes involved, service

could only be restarted from the meter in the home.

The elimination of natural gas to the homes, though temporary, proved to be a serious hardship to many. Indoor temperatures plummeted from an acceptable level to as low as 50 degrees in some homes. Fortunately the mild temperatures in the area allowed all homes to stay above freezing.

Though utility crews worked past midnight to repair the damaged gas main, most residents had the flow of natural gas to their homes back by 10 p.m. Utility workers actually returned early Saturday morning to finish the process of repairing the main and cleaning the area. The lion's share of the repair work was done by Friday night.

Utility workers restarted natural gas service to each of the affected homes themselves by entering the house to open the meter and relight the pilot light. Homeowners were strictly forbidden to attempt either of these services themselves. Also, residents who might have been away from home during the natural gas crisis had to wait for utility workers to correct any temporary fix required to close gas service at the start and reopen service at the close of the day.

Though the natural gas crisis in Clearing stretched from Narragansett to Harlem, it still did not affect some homes and condos along 64th Place. It is understood to have stretched as far north as 60th Street.

## Southwest Side Senior Center Event Schedule

The senior center located at 6012 South Archer has scheduled the following events for December. Call at (773) 284-0428 or 0293 for more information. The center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Make Christmas Candle Crafts, starting at 12:30 p.m. Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Free Eye Screening, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Party. Cost is \$15, and tickets must be purchased by Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, Christmas Luncheon sponsored by the Department of Aging. Cost \$1.50 for special dinner featuring egg nog and Cornish hen. Sign up before December 21<sup>st</sup>. Tickets sold on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 9:30 a.m.



Father Bruce Willems of Holy Cross Church, Lazaro Altamirano, President of CIME/ICMA, David Voss, Chairman of First Bank of the Americas, Pamela Voss, President of First Bank, State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, and Father Sanchez of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

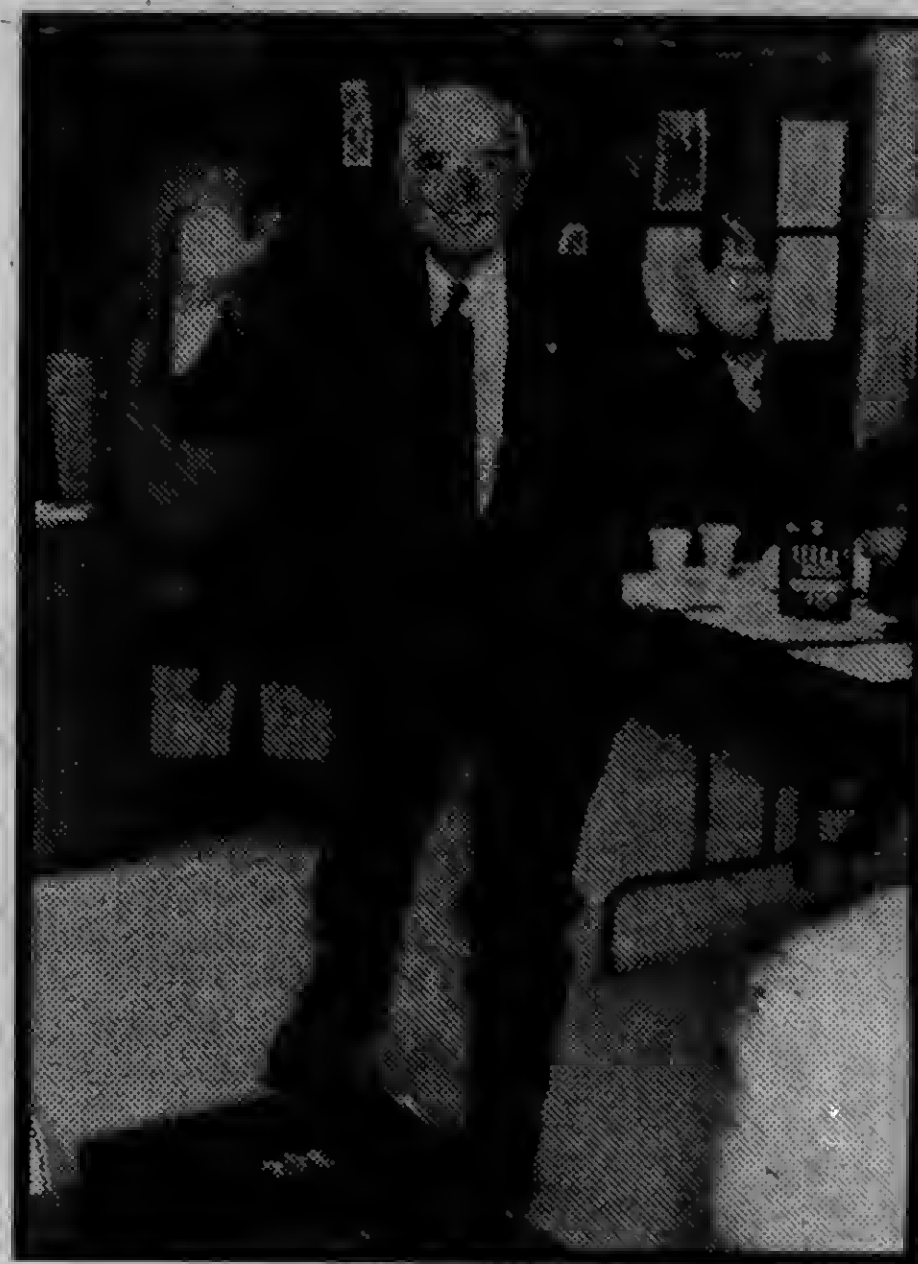
## Topinka Supports Hispanic Banking Program

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka participated in a press conference with First Bank of the Americas to announce the bank's new program that will enable customers to "give" rather than send money to friends and relatives in other countries by using ATM cards.



## CAP officer receives award

Assistant Cook County State's Attorney Bernie Murray (l-r) observes Captain Robert Waichanus, 1st Lyons Composite Squadron Commander present a service award to Major Maurice Givens, outgoing commander, while Civil Air Patrol-USAF liason, Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Pate, officiates the ceremony Tuesday, November 27. The Civil Air Patrol meets every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the Illinois National Guard armory along 63rd Street on Midway Airport. Adults and students are welcome to join. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)



## Motivational speaker entertains civic group

A popular motivational speaker, George O'Hare, currently employed by the Cook County Treasurer's office, shares a wealth of knowledge with the members of the Garfield-Ridge Civic League at their November 19 meeting at the Wentworth Park fieldhouse. O'Hare's enriching presentation here and throughout Illinois gives both children and adults new perspectives on life. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)



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## Architects' bill subject of questions at Worth meeting

By Frank Soczek

It appears yet another skeleton has been unearthed from the ruins of the former Bilder administration in Worth.

Not long ago, an invoice from Townsend & Smith Architects, 11626 S. Western Ave., Chicago in the amount of \$6,840, was questioned at the Worth Board of Trustees meeting.

The bill, addressed to Steve Dell, General Manager of the Water's Edge Golf Club, lists 85.5 hours at \$80.00 per hour for the purpose of preparing preliminary architectural drawings for a banquet room addition.

A hand written notation on the July 21, 2000 document reads, "OK to pay, capitol expense." Dell's initials and administrative account number are also listed.

Dell explained he was approached by Commissioner Joe Johnson and a representative from Townsend & Smith to utilize money previously budgeted for course expenditures.

The plans involved a 1.4 million dollar project, which was ultimately rejected due to budgetary factors.

None of the current administration members active at the time recalled authorizing such an expenditure.

Normally, any significant expense is brought before the full Board of Trustees for review.

During the regular Village meeting November 20th, Worth resident Dee Woods brought to the Board's attention an additional billing from Townsend and Smith in the amount of \$6,240, dated June 12, 2000.

The invoice, addressed to

Joseph Johnson, Building Commissioner, Village of Worth, lists 78 hours at \$80.00 per hour for a "Canopy Addition To The Village Hall."

The \$42,000 canopy project as planned by Townsend & Smith was rejected in favor of a more cost-effective option ultimately costing a total of \$14,000.

The contractor doing the latter work included design plans in the total cost of the project.

Again, none of the current members present at the time recalled authorizing the expenditure, which was divided equally among three separate Village departmental budgets.

In addition to the apparent lack of documented (public) authorization, the close cost amounts and billing proximity sent up a red flag, Woods noted.

"How can the design cost for a canopy closely resemble that of a million-plus dollar construction project?" Woods inquired.

Bob Smith, owner of Townsend & Smith Architects, explained the apparent cost disparity.

"The canopy project involved comprehensive plans from initial drafts to the ultimate project completion."

The banquet room drawings involved a much less exhaustive "preliminary sketch," essential for review and comparative purposes.

Smith estimated the actual billing for a completed project with the scope of the banquet room might have reached \$80,000.

Smith further added his customary charge amounts to 8 percent of the total

construction cost.

Smith stated his firm was previously involved in numerous Village-sponsored projects, among which include all of the golf course buildings, the Village Hall as well as the Fire Department.

"I have never had any complaints about my work," Smith explained in exasperation.

"I think there is political infighting occurring in the Village, and I'm being portrayed as the bad guy," Smith lamented.

According to Smith, his company received formal authorization from former Building Commissioner Joe Johnson, with whom he closely worked with on each of the projects.

Joe Johnson has left the employ of the Village and could not be reached for comment.

## Angel's needs angels

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## Palos Heights debates vehicle stickers

By Jude Coyle

The Palos Heights City Council meeting of November 20 opened with the reading of resolutions.

The next resolution appointed A. Bruce Trego to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency, and William Turner as the alternate to represent the City of Palos Heights. Mr. Trego is the new City Manager.

Alderman Dolores Kramarski read a letter addressed to the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Charles Richards protested the implementation of a vehicle sticker tax. Rather than selling vehicle stickers, which are expensive and offensive, he would rather see a hike in property taxes. Of 130 communities in Cook County, Palos Heights was the only community he knew of that did not have a vehicle sticker.

Alderman Clifford read a similar letter. Mr. Louis J. Pemke wanted to know if 100% of the tax would go to road repair. He had read that 35% goes to the police department for the cost of implementation. He suggested that the City could make more money by writing more speeding tickets.

Residents addressed the Council. Arlene Busch commented that with the country in a recession, it was irresponsible to raise taxes, especially since the taxpayers had approved a \$2,000,000 tax increase this past April. The money

was earmarked for road repairs.

She read from a list of charges: cars would cost \$25; double if late; \$40 for RV's; \$28-\$60 for Trucks; \$20 for motorcycles; \$15 for scooters or trailers. Seniors would receive a \$5 discount.

According to Mayor Straz, the current ordinance calls for eleven layers of charges.

Ray Brewskers stood. He said that he has resided in Palos Heights for 32 years, and had even served as aldermen. When the City was incorporated in 1959, he said, officials at the time decided that there should never be a vehicle sticker. He pointed to a wall of photographs of current and former aldermen. He said that they promised to never have vehicle stickers, and this was a promise that should be kept. Other residents spoke, each voicing a negative opinion on the implementation of vehicle stickers.

In the end, Alderman Alan Fulkerson moved to pass the implementation of a vehicle sticker. He commented that in 1959 there was no property tax cap. He said that the City had no alternative. Two million dollars in a 15-year period will cost more in interest than what residents will pay for vehicle stickers. The City, he said, plans to pay down bonds needed to finance road repairs in an

accelerated manner, and would use the funds earned from the sale of vehicle stickers to do it.

Alderman Gnap asked if an open forum would be possible. The residents, she said, needed to know what efforts have been made to get finances in order, and the City needed to repair roads.

Mayor Straz replied that was an option. The City could also use the newspapers to get their point across. He wanted residents to know that 35% of funding to the police department was allowable, but certainly not expected. The City, he said, must have a long-term plan for road maintenance. He expected that the implementation would begin about the middle of next year.

The City has monetary problems, and roads have deteriorated, even in new areas. \$2,000,000 would not cover the cost of all the roads in Ishnalla, that needed work, and costs continue to rise. Alderman Fulkerson was also quick to point out that State laws forbid the use of these funds for any purpose other than the cost of road repair and maintenance.

The vote was called, and the motion carried. Alderman Clifford and Kramarski voted nay.



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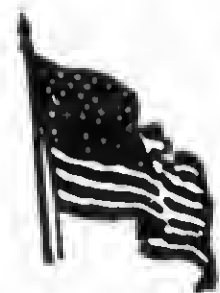
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## Couple worth knowing

Eberhard and June Hamer are residents of Oak Lawn.

Eb is retired from Argonne National Laboratory. June purchased Service All, an Oak Lawn business, in the mid '70's, and sold it in 2001.

What is so incredible about this couple is that since retirement, they have volunteered thirty to forty hours a week to a number of causes.

Although the couple does not have sons, they give quite a bit of time to Boy Scouts. As a boy, Eb was a Scout himself. They are active in the Chicago Council, Arrowhead District, and specifically Troops 618 and 682. Troop 618 meets at Trinity Lutheran in Oak Lawn. Troop 682 is based in of Hometown.

Last week, the Village View displayed a picture of Troop 682 in action, as they passed out toys to the children of Hometown. Eb and June were part of that operation. They helped Scoutmaster Phil Mottle and the boys collect and package toys, and transport and supervise the

boys during the distribution process.

The Hamers have participated in spaghetti dinners, food drives, toy drives, acted as part of the advancement board of review, and many other troop activities.

Last year Eb began a new tradition. He brought 225 boys to Argonne, where he helped them earn a scientific merit badge. The boys came from all over the Chicago Area Council, even as far away Palatine and Country Club Hills.

Besides Scouting, the Hamers are involved with the Independent Order of Foresters, AGLOW (a Christian women's organization), they baby-sit their grandkids and volunteer time at the grandkids' schools.

The Hamers have two daughters. Linda DuPuy is employed by Village View, and is a minister. Daughter, Barbara, is in labor relations with the Post Office. Both daughters are involved with New Creations Band, which is a contemporary Christian rock band.

reviewed. Several new security measures have been added. For example, before the holiday break on December 21, the district will conduct its first police dog search of lockers, parking lots, and school grounds.

"We believe these new measures will add important components to a security system that has been working very efficiently," said Dr. Burns.

This fall the district installed security cameras to monitor all building entrances, hallways, parking

## The Plaza assists Catholic Charities

Shoppers at the Plaza can have their gifts wrapped at the mall's Comfort and Joy Gift Wrap Center for a same time support the work of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Bruce Provo of The Provo Group, managing general partner of The Plaza (from left), was on hand for the opening of the Gift Wrap Center with Robin Smith, Marketing Manager for the Plaza, Father Michael Boland, Catholic Charities Administrator, and Willie Winters, Executive Director of the Beverly Area Planning Association. Located near the North Mall Entrance, adjacent to Guest Services, the Comfort and Joy Gift Wrap Center will be open during mall hours through December 24. The Plaza is located at 95th Street and Western Avenue, Evergreen Park. For a schedule of expanded holiday hours or more information on shopping at The Plaza, call 773-445-8900.

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## Sheriff's Medals of Honor awarded

Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan represents Detective Steven Sevik, Officers Arthur Clark and James Pacetti of the Oak Lawn Police Department with the Sheriff's Medal of Honor at the 9th Annual Sheriff's Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony. The award were presented to more than 90 police offices throughout Cook County for heroism and outstanding service. Recipients of these awards are officers from Chicago and suburban Cook County who have gone beyond the call of duty by displaying exceptional service and heroism. Pictured are left to right: Oak Lawn Mayor Ernest Kolb, Oak Lawn Police Lt. Smith, Det. Steven Sevik, Ofc. Arthur Clark, Ofc. James Pacetti, and Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan.

## New security measures in District 218

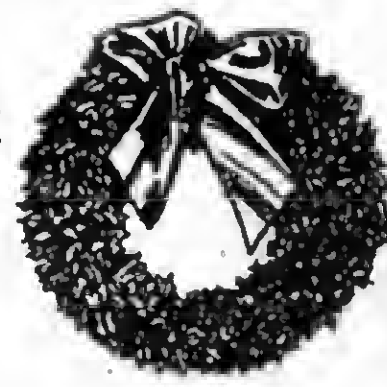
School security now tops the list of priorities for educators. Nothing matters more than security. Certainly that's the case at District 218.

Since July 1 when Dr. Kevin Burns became Superintendent, the district's security plan has been thoroughly

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## Ozinga honored

Martin Ozinga, Jr. (pictured above) recently received the 2002 Mary Potter Humanitarian Award at the 12th Annual Crystal Heart Ball sponsored by the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation.



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# Little Company of Mary holds 12th Annual Crystal Heart Ball

Benefactors of the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation's 12th Annual Crystal Heart Ball will gain private access to one of the most sought after tickets in Chicago to Cleopatra of Egypt: From History to Myth - at the Field Museum on February 2, 2002.

Since Chicago is the only North American stop for this exhibition, Ball attendees will have a unique experience of privately seeing priceless artworks from many great museums of Europe, Egypt, and the United States gathered together for the first time - including several pieces that have never been on public view. The exhibit will be open to Crystal Heart Ball guests at 6:00 p.m.

At the 12th annual black tie ball, the Hospital's premier fund raising event, Martin Ozinga, Jr., a retired president for the former First National Bank of Evergreen Park who helped expand the business that became the well-known building supply

and concrete production company, Ozinga Bros. Inc., will be honored with the 2002 Mary Potter Humanitarian Award.

Ozinga, who lives in Evergreen Park, will be recognized for his work to begin the Evergreen Park unit of the American Cancer Society as well as his many charitable works including his contributions to the community. The Mary Potter Humanitarian Award honors an individual whose personal and professional accomplishments embody the ideals, vision and mission of Venerable Mary Potter, Foundress of the Little Company of Mary Sisters. The award is a testament to compassion, commitment and the gift of empowerment.

Proceeds from the 12th Annual Crystal Heart Ball at the Field Museum will benefit the programs and services of The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers. The Cancer Center, which opened in January 2001, has been privileged to

serve increasingly large number of patients in the last year.

Through its affiliation with the Medical Oncology Group of the University of Chicago Hospitals, The Cancer Center has provided southwest Chicago land with access to new therapies offered in national clinical trials as well as a genetic counseling for cancer. The Center also offers a grouping Integrative Therapy program that focuses on community outreach and education about cancer as well as its complimentary therapies.

Little Company's own Volunteer Resources will receive the 2002 Sister Nancy Boyle Award for Excellence -- a tribute to an individual or program that embodies the legacy and life of Sister Nancy Boyle, L.C.M., so her spirit will live on and continue to inspire others.

Guests may enjoy the exhibit at 6:00 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres starting at 6:30 p.m. A three-course dinner will follow with danc-

ing to entertainment by Georgia Frances Orchestra, selected by this year's Ball Chairperson, Colleen and Richard Farrell, M.D., and their Co-Chairpersons, Thomas and Mary Ellen Fahey. Tickets for the Ball are \$250 per person. For Ball or Raffle ticket information, contact the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation at 708/229-5066.

## The Stone River Assignment

by John Wheeler

John Wheeler is a Chicago native. He is a graduate of Michigan State University, and has served in several financial management positions. This makes him uniquely qualified to discuss the subject of corporate downsizing and cost cutting.

In his book, *The Stone River Assignment*, Wheeler tells the tale of Duane Largo, the company hatchet man, and how he is dispatched to Brigham, Illinois to assist in downsizing. In the process, Largo makes friends and falls in love. This is a fast moving tale about how Largo actions affect the lives of the employees involved.

## Aid for Lutherans helps fire victims

Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) has approved a \$2,000 grant for the Greater Chicago Chapter of the American Red Cross to support 15 people who were evacuated from their apartments by the December 9 fire at the Trimble Apartment, 1500 S. Trimble.

The funds from the disaster grant are being used to help purchase food, clothing and shelter for the 10 adults and five children who were evacuated because of the fire.

AAL, a Fortune 500 organization based in Appleton, Wisconsin, is a fraternal benefit society of nearly 1.0 million members who join together for insurance, educational and volunteer opportunities.

## 50 years of OLCHS graduates invited to reunion party

Attention all alumni of Oak Lawn Community High School: mark your calendars now for the 50th anniversary reunion party to be held on Saturday, March 2, 2002 from 8pm-12am at the Oak Lawn Hilton Hotel.

All who attended Oak Lawn High School in the last 50 years is cordially invited to attend. Tickets for this event, featuring an open bar and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, are \$50 per person and must be purchased in advance, as only a limited number of tickets will be sold.

Call the Anniversary Hotline at (708)424-5200 ex. 5050 or check out the website at [www.olchs50.org](http://www.olchs50.org) for more information.

## Salem Baptist Church hosts community outreach

Senior Pastor James P. Meeks announced today that Salem Baptist Church on South Indiana Avenue will host a community outreach on Saturday, December 15, following the *It Takes a Village* monthly meeting, a mentoring program for pregnant teens headed by Mrs. James Meeks, leader of the Women of Influence ministries at Salem Baptist Church.

Families who attended the event learned about Respiratory Syncytial Virus, or RSV, a common childhood illness that nearly every child encounters by age two, but which is especially dangerous for premature babies.

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Terry Johnson of Chicago says that RSV "is the most common cause of lower respiratory infections in prema-

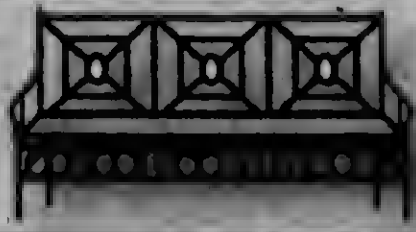
ture infants."

In Illinois, nearly 9.5% of all births are premature, with 15.5% of African American births in Chicago being premature, making these babies at-risk for complications from RSV.

Brenda Jones, women's health nurse practitioner and coordinator of the *It Takes a Village* program, has expressed concern that "with such a high incidence of at-risk births in our community, every effort must be made to inform parents and help them protect their babies during cold and flu season."

Additional information about RSV can be found online at [rsvprotection.com](http://rsvprotection.com) or by speaking with your health care provider. Information on Salem Baptist Church can be obtained by calling 773/371-2300.



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## Looking for Something Unique? Shop The Plaza's Boutiques!

You don't have to travel out of the neighborhood to buy custom-blended cosmetics, high style hats and aromatherapy essential oils. They're all available -- and much more -- just around the corner at The Plaza. The specialty boutiques that dot the mall offer shoppers an excellent variety of unique gifts and accessories. **Infinite Shades Cosmetics**, located along the corridor that connects the center mall to the north mall, sells a full line of cosmetics, but specializes in shades that match a woman's complexion. You can make an appointment to have your make-up applied, or sign up for a class and learn professional techniques for cosmetic application. Services include eyebrow shaping, false eyelash application and electrolysis. Once your make-up is applied, step next door to **Hats n' More** to choose a hat, scarf or hair ornament that will provide the final fashion touches. Hats range from truly fabulous dress styles with feathers and spangles, to dress-down denim caps. Also available are after-five handbags, hosiery, and a colorful collection of scarves. If you're ready for a new look or maybe just a boost for your natural hair, **Plaza Wigs** offers a full line of wigs and hair pieces, as well as wig and hair accessories. Rings and things are all the rage, and at **Ernest Brandon Silver Jewelry** you'll find a great selection of stylish silver rings, bracelets and necklaces. Studded with gems and stones, or sculpted in unusual shapes, this jewelry is perfect for completing your wardrobe, and priced so that you don't have to choose just one item! Sex appeal starts next to the skin, and **LaFemme** offers a variety of lacy, colorful lingerie and teddies. Once your outfit is complete, it's time to think about scent. In The Plaza find two boutiques that offer excellent options. **Perfumania** offers discount prices on your favorite perfumes and colognes for men and women. Boxed sets are perfect for pampering yourself or giving as gifts, and Perfumania also sells a full line of bath and shower gels with matching lotions, and skin and hair care products. **Just the Scent of It** sells natural oils that can be custom-blended into personalized scents and lotions but this unique shop's offerings extend to natural soaps, aromatherapy candles and essential oils and accessories like diffusers.

## Real Life Size Styles for Women -- and Men -- at The Plaza

More than 49 million American women wear size 14 or over, and every one of them wants to look and feel good. Stores specializing in fashions for real size women are becoming more and more popular as designers recognize that curves are part of a realistic body type. The Plaza is a pace-setter in fashions for real life size women as well as big and tall men. Posted in **Lane Bryant**, one of the first stores in The Plaza to exclusively offer larger sizes, is the philosophy "beauty has nothing to do with age or size." That philosophy is reflected in the fashions displayed in the store: Stylish work and casual clothing, from comfortable corduroy slacks and jeans, to lovely lingerie. Signs say it all: These are clothes for "Real Women". **August Max** has been open in The Plaza for 10 years, and serves discerning clients shopping for high-end business-wear. Suits and slacks with classic lines and flattering styles are offered in terrific seasonal colors. "We have a steady customer base," said store manager Barbara Wheeler, adding that August Max shoppers are professional women looking for quality and style. Women looking for evening wear and dressy clothing shop at **Barnett's**. Plus sizes go up to 24 for women, offering really beautiful fashions perfect for weddings, fund raisers, and church. Unisex styles are available in leather outerwear up to size 6X, and in the very popular Coogi sweaters up to size 4X. Casual clothing is comfortable, cute and fashionable at **Ashley Stewart** -- a store for "great women of style." **Avenue Plus** has big-shirts, sweaters and coordinates in luscious fall colors: plum, taupe and mustard. Attractive all-weather outfits with jackets and matching pants are perfect for looking great for outdoor activities from hiking to football games. Young teen to young adult, it's fun to fit into the hip fashion trends. Find the sizes you need at **Deb Plus** and **Lady Lark**.

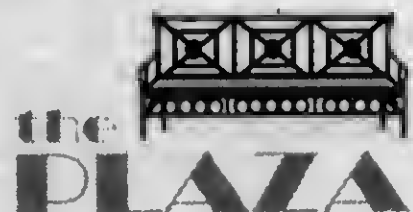
Clothes that fit your individual size and flair can be found at **Divine Mode** where you can choose from ready-made apparel to size 31, or have an outfit custom made. Women aren't the only shoppers who are interested in comfort and style in real life sizes.

**Mr. Kay's** is a fashion-forward store offering Italian-designed clothing off the rack and custom-made. In the store find sizes up to 26W for women and men's suits to size 58.

"Of course, we can make any size you need," said owner Nasser Diab, adding that customers are welcome to select the style and fabric to insure they have just the right look and fit in a custom-made garment. Mr. Kay's also provides alterations at no charge. Quality, affordability and selection keep customers of all sizes coming back to **The**

**Leading Man**, a store that's traded in men's fashions at The Plaza for 16 years and as a company for 52. Owner Marshall Schneider said this full service store is known for its suits, but also sells slacks, shirts, sweaters and accessories. Suits are available to size

56, slacks to a 48 waist and sweaters to 5X. **Fashions by J&S Brock** offers dress clothing designed to fit women and men of all sizes, up to size 30 for women and 64 for men's suits. **Big Time** provides high style clothing for big and tall men looking for "attire with attitude." This shop has everything from casual to dress clothing, including ties, belts and accessories that suit the larger man. Clothing sizes range from XLT to 8XL, suits are available in sizes up to 72, and shoe sizes go up to 26. Young men can stop in at **Man Alive** - in two locations at The Plaza - for a wide selection of urban hip hop clothes that go up to 3X in sweater and 42-44 in pants. It's all casual here, so stop by to shop for button down shirts, sweatshirts and pants. Take a trip to the **Wild, Wild West** for a selection of leather garments and outerwear, as well as hats, boots and belts. This shop is for everyone, and real life sizes are available for men and women up to 7X in outerwear. Whatever your size or style, shop The Plaza for high quality fashions.



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## St. Laurence 'meets the leaders'

In a ceremony held on December 2, St. Laurence High School recognized 26 grammar school students as leader/scholars because of their exceptional leadership contributions to their schools and their communities. The Leader/Scholar Program is the latest addition to St. Laurence's leadership program which fosters leadership among students through curriculum and activities, by arranging meetings with successful alumni through the "Meet the Leaders Program", and through its Leadership Forum which has brought such leaders as former US Secretary of Labor Lynn Martin and Bears Coach Dick Jauron to speak with the students. Grammar

school students recognized as this year's leader/scholars are:

Matthew Barry (St. Albert the Great/Burbank), Pat Creed (St. John Fisher/Chicago), George DeMas (St. Bede/Chicago), Michael Fiorella (St. Bede/Chicago), Andrew Fiorella (St. Bede/Chicago), Scott Greene (Simmons/Oak Lawn), Jerome Hahn (McGugan, Oak Lawn), Matthew Hecker (St. Albert the Great/Burbank), Christopher Johnson (St. Bede/Chicago), Christopher Kielbasa (St. Jane de Chantal/Chicago), Daniel Lawson (St. Liborius/Chicago), Ryan Locke (St. Christina/Chicago), Joseph Lemer (Prairie Junior High), John Maloney

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## Brother Rice salutes longtime faculty members

Brother Karl Walczak, CFC, president of Brother Rice High School (front row, center), congratulates members of the school's administration, faculty and staff who have 20 years or more of service at Brother Rice. Pictured are: (left to right) Br. E.O. Carty, Christine Forbes, Mary Kay Arnold, Dolores Budz, Dee Stec, Helen Pitula, Catherine Seibt, Jean Searls, Ed Zabrocki, Br. Thomas Collins, Harold Ross, James Antos (Principal), Cliff Petrak, Joseph Bergmann, Martin Grogan, Robert Baader, Robert Twardy, Dennis Duffy, Al Filan, Donald Molenda, Jack Hackett and Nick Markulin.

## ADVERTISE IN OUR December 31 New Year's Issue!

Tortilla Wraps	
2 Tbsp.	low fat salad dressing or mayonnaise
4	10 inch tortillas
1/2 Cup	chunky salsa
4 oz.	sliced turkey or roast beef
1/2 Cup	shredded low fat cheddar cheese
1/2 Cup	thin strips red pepper
1/2 Cup	sliced green onions
2 Tbsp.	sliced black olives

Spread salad dressing or mayonnaise on tortilla, spread salsa over salad dressing. Top with meat, cheese, and vegetables, as desired. Roll up and serve or heat in microwave 1 minute on medium power.

Each tortilla may be wrapped in plastic wrap after rolling and then refrigerated. For bite-sized snacks, cut into 1-inch slices.

Makes approximately 8 servings.

### Reduced Fat Party Mix

3Tbsp.	margarine or butter
2Tbsp.	Worcester sauce
1 1/2 tsp.	seasoned salt
3/4 tsp.	garlic powder
1/2 tsp.	onion powder
3 cups	corn cereal
3 cups	rice cereal
1/2 tsp.	cinnamon
1 cup	pretzels
1 cup	garlic flavor, bite-size fat free bagel chips

Heat oven to 250°F.

Melt margarine in large roasting pan in oven. Stir in seasonings. Gradually stir in remaining ingredients until evenly coated. Bake 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Spread on paper towels to cool. Store in airtight container.

Makes 24 half cup servings

### Confectioner's glaze

2 cups	confectioners sugar
1 tsp.	vanilla or rum extract
1/2 Cup	fat-free milk

Put confectioners sugar in a small bowl. Add vanilla or rum extract, gradually whisk in milk until desired consistency. Covers 30 gingerbread men.

Gingerbread Men	
1 cup	sugar
1/2 Cup	unsweetened applesauce
1/4 Cup	margarine
1	egg slightly beaten
1/4 Cup	molasses
3 1/2 cups	all-purpose flour
1 tsp.	baking soda
1 tsp.	ground cinnamon
1 tsp.	ground ginger
	vegetable oil spray

In a large mixing bowl beat sugar, applesauce, and margarine with a sturdy spoon, beat in egg or molasses. In another large bowl sift together remaining ingredients, except vegetable oil spray. Add to margarine mixture, stirring well. Cover and refrigerate dough until thoroughly chilled, about 2 hrs. Preheat oven to 350°F.

Lightly flour a flat surface and roll chilled dough to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut out gingerbread man shapes with a 5 inch cookie cutter. Spray baking sheets with vegetable oil spray. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes at 350°F. if desired decorate with confectioner glaze after cookies have cooled.

### HONEY SPICE GLAZE

Makes 12 servings as a glaze for turkey.

12-16 lb. turkey
1/8 tsp. ground red pepper
1/4 tsp. ground cumin
1/4 tsp. ground allspice
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. garlic powder
2 tsp. chili powder
1 tsp. water
2 tbs. honey

Prepare turkey according to package directions and roast in a shallow roasting pan in a 325 degree oven. Combine all ingredients to make a glaze. When turkey has about 45 minutes left to cook, brush glaze over skin. Loosely cover breast with foil to prevent overcooking. Cook turkey until temperature reaches 180 degrees in the thighs. Let stand 15-20 minutes before carving.

Pan drippings can be used to make gravy. The spice adds flavor and enriches the color of the gravy.

## District 218 holds job fair for teachers

District 218 will hold a job fair for teaching candidates for the 2002-2003 school year on Thursday, December 27 from 9am-1pm at the district Administrative Center, 10701 S. Kilpatrick in Oak Lawn.

Candidates who will attend must call to register for an appointment at 708/424-2000, ex. 507. Administrators will conduct short interviews and answer any questions at the job fair that applicants may have about District 218.

District 218 will need to fill at least 30 positions for the 2002-2003 school year. These positions include the following departments: Art, Business Education, Counseling, English, Family and Consumer Science, Industrial technology, Library Science, Math, Physical Education, Science, Special Education, and Speech Therapy.

Candidates are encouraged to apply online by going to [www.chsd218.org](http://www.chsd218.org). At the top of the home page, click

the link titled "employment opportunities". From there candidates can view positions currently posted and complete an online application. They are allowed to complete the application in several steps and do not have to complete all the steps in a single session. Candidates can stop at any time without losing any work and may return to complete the application up to a month later.

District 218 serves nearly 5,000 students in the south suburbs and has won three Illinois Blue Ribbon School awards from the Illinois State Board of Education. Each comprehensive high school has won this prestigious honor. District 218 schools include Eisenhower High School in Blue Island, Shepard High School in Palos Heights, Richards High School in Oak Lawn, alternative high school ASPEN in Crestwood, and the Summit Learning Center in Crestwood.



# Christ Medical Center January prenatal and parenting classes

Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn announces its January calendar of prenatal and parenting classes to help new parents prepare for a healthy pregnancy, safe birth and happy homecoming. Unless otherwise noted, classes are held at Christ Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th Street. Registration is required for programs and classes. To register or for more information, call the Advocate Christ Medical Center's HealthAdvisor at 1-900-323-8622.

**Breastfeeding Basics:** This one-session class teaches breastfeeding preparation and techniques, as well as how to deal with problems related to breastfeeding. Classes will be held Wednesdays, January 2 and 16, from 7-9:30 pm in Room 250 North at the medical center. The cost is \$20.

**Weekend Lamaze Class:** This two-session weekend class discusses preparation for labor and delivery (both vaginal and Caesarean), new-

born care, post-partum changes, nutritional needs, relaxation methods and breathing techniques. Instructors are certified childbirth educators. Classes will be held Saturdays from 9am-4pm and Sundays from 10am-2pm, January 5-6 and 19-20 at Gaddis School, 4201 W. 93rd Street, west entrance. The cost is \$85 per couple.

**Tender Baby Care:** A one-session infant care class for couples in their last trimester. Couples learn feeding, bathing, infant safety, growth and development and early parenting skills. Classes are held Monday, January 7 from 7-9pm in the Percy Hopkins Auditorium at the medical center; and on January 14 from 7-9pm at the Advocate Health Center at 16750 S. 80th Avenue in Tinley Park. The cost is \$15.

**Childbirth Education:** This series of five classes is taken during the final three months of pregnancy. Topics include preparation for labor and delivery (both vagi-

nal and Caesarean), newborn care, post-partum changes, nutritional needs, relaxation methods and breathing techniques. Instructors are certified childbirth instructors. Beginning class dates are January 7, 8, 9 and 10, from 7-9pm at Gaddis School in Oak Lawn; and January 10 from 7-9pm at Faith Christian Reformed Church in Tinley Park. The cost is \$80 per couple.

**Caring Kids Class:** Children aged 3-12 who are expecting a new sibling will learn what happens when mom goes to the medical center and how they can help when the new baby comes home. The next Caring Kids class is Thursday, January 10 from 7-8:30 pm in the medical center's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. The class is \$5 per child, payable at the door.

**Infant and Child CPR/Safety Class:** Participants who complete this two-part course will receive American Heart Association certification. Evening classes will be held Tuesdays, January 8 and

15 from 6-9 pm at Gaddis School in Oak Lawn. Class size is limited.

**Marvelous Multiples:** This five-week prenatal education class is designed for parents expecting twins, triplets, or more. Classes are held on consecutive Thursdays beginning January 10, from 7-9 pm at Gaddis School. Cost is \$85 per couple.

**Caesarean Class:** A one-session class for pregnant women who are planning to deliver by caesarean section will be held during the third week of prepared-childbirth classes. Participants join a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday class, January 28, 29, 30, or 31 from 7-9 pm at Gaddis School. The cost is \$10.

**Birth Center Tour:** Videotaped tours of the Birth Center are included in most of the classes. If you are not registered for the classes and would like to view it, please call the HealthAdvisor at 1-800-323-8622 to request a copy.



## Christmas at The Plaza

Young students from the Chicago Public School's Barbara Vick Early Childhood & Family Center in the Beverly/Morgan Park neighborhood recently visited The Plaza for a morning of Holiday fun.

The group of 3 and 4 year olds visited with Bruce Provo, president of the Provo Group, managing general partner of The Plaza, to enjoy cookies and milk and hear stories read by Pia Montes of The Bronzeville Children's Museum, located at The Plaza.

The children also whispered their Christmas wishes to Santa, who will be at The Plaza daily until he leaves for his round-the-world trip on December 24. They also made friends with the Petite Reindeer Fleet, scheduled to visit again on December 18, 1-5 pm.

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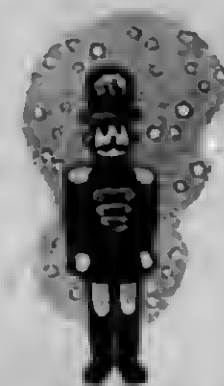
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## Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By Kathy Whirity

### The Wearing of The Flag

The Thanksgiving holiday brought families home together, to share in good food, good conversation and, in my household, plenty of opportunity to debate opinions with college kids.

As my family sat around, after a hearty Thanksgiving feast, I suggested we take a photo for this year's Christmas card. That seemed to go over without a hitch, so why did I have to go one further by requesting that we all wear shirts decorated with the American flag?

My oldest daughter's reaction was to laugh out loud, as if I asked her to dress up as Uncle Sam. My youngest informed me she's not about to jump on the bandwagon of what she sees as America's obsessing with using patriotism as a newfound fashion fad. She's got a point: with flags on everything from bumper stickers to credit cards, it would appear to be a trendy fashion statement.

But, for most of us, the pride we are feeling at this strenuously difficult time has everything to do with loyalty to our ideals.

We Americans have always been deeply proud of our country, but never more than when our freedom is at stake or our integrity is questioned. Some of us are wearing our patriotism on our sleeve these days due to the emotional backwash of witnessing the heart and soul of our great nation coming together. Maybe it's realizing that a terrible tragedy of epic proportions has given us all a renewed sense of strength and hope that life and freedom, as we know it, will prevail.

I wear my assortment of flag pins close to my heart, a reminder of all that has changed since September 11. We will forever see our military, firemen and police, in a different light. Our deepest respect and sincerity for them can be reflected through our wearing of old glory.

Every Christmas my dear husband Bill turns our cozy little home into the holiday enchantment of a gingerbread house, with colored lights twinkling everywhere. This year, he has included an added touch to his regular fare. The American flag, in all its glory, shines brightly from above the front porch, a solemn sign of solidarity in support of all that this country holds dear.

Bill recently asked me when I was going to move on--to focus my column writing on different subject matter. It is hard to imagine NOT writing about some aspect of this time of war since it has become so imbedded in every part of our daily lives.

For now, there is still such a need to connect with words and feelings; to share the kinship that we've all become accustomed to, and comforted by.

Whether we wear our flags on shirts, as sequined pins or earrings, or glowing among the beauty of Christmas displays--we will never, ever forget what it means to be an American. Our flag is a reminder of that.

## Oak Lawn Library News

As you receive your holiday cards, the Oak Lawn Public Library (5300 W. 95th St.) asks that you collect the canceled postage stamps for Oxford Famine Relief (OXFAM), an Oxford, England-based organization that packages and sells the stamps to raise funds for projects that help poor, starving and homeless people worldwide.

Drop-off receptacles are located at the library's Circular Desk and in front of the OXFAM display, first floor. You may donate canceled US, worldwide and bulk mail stamps year-round.

The Library has two display cases for the community

that may be reserved for one calendar month by individuals, local community groups and organizations interested in exhibiting special collections, handicrafts, activities and creative works. Applications are available at the library's Reception Booth, first floor.

The Library will be closed the following Holidays:

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's day.

Regular holiday hours are Monday-Thursday, 9am-9pm; Friday and Saturday 9am-5pm; and Sunday, 1pm-5pm, mid-September-mid-May.

## Auditions for Oak Lawn Park District "Jesus Christ Superstar"

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre group has announced a casting call for its spring musical, *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Auditions will be held at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th Street on Monday, January 7 and Tuesday, January 8 from 7:30-10pm.

Auditions are open to individuals aged 18 and older, says Producer Frank Felt. Interested actors are encouraged to come prepared to sing a song from the show and to dance in proper attire.

The show will be performed for two weekends, March 8-10 and March 14-17, with all shows starting at 8pm. Sundays will include a 3pm matinee. Gerry Dcedera will direct, with Gil Oliva designing the sets.

Tickets for the show are already on sale at the Oak View Center for \$16, \$15, and \$14. Please call 708/857-2200 for details.

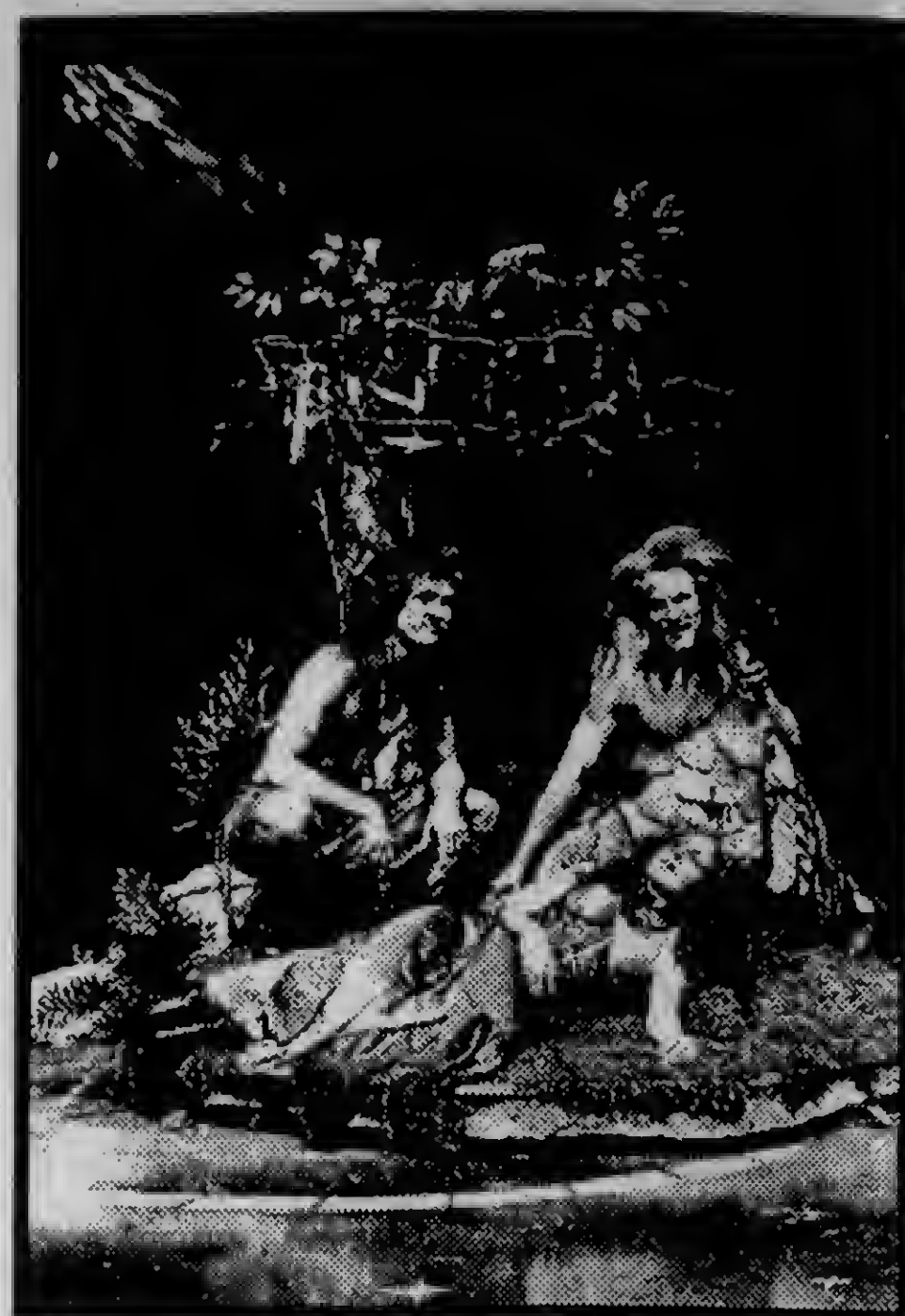
## Open Liturgy at Lourdes High School

Lourdes High School in Chicago is pleased to announce the names of the Eucharistic and Liturgical Ministers who were commissioned during the Open Liturgy for the 2001-2002 school year. These ministers were appointed by the teachers and staff and also by the faith communities and par-

ishes of the girls.

The Eucharistic Ministers are: Elizabeth Anderson of Lawndale, Selina Fabian, Brighton Park, and Ivonne Saavedra, from Little Village.

The Liturgical Ministers: Lauren Giampa, of Scottsdale, Nancy Herrera of Little Village, Lakeisha Kelly of Ashburn, Kim Koening, near South Side, Janet Lococo from McKinley Park, Brenda Martinez, Little Village, Amanda Ondyak of Mt. Greenwood, Loren Pultum of South Shore, Cristina Velasquez of Chicago Lawn, and Ashlie Washington of South Shore.



Jason Denusek is Puck Susan Hart is Titania and Jack Sewell Jordan is Oberon in Chicago Shakespeare Theater's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

## THEATRE ALIVE with Georgeann Fitzgerald

It was warmer in Chicago than Palo Alto, California, where I was hanging out recently. I travelled, by air no less, to watch my oldest daughter in her first triathlon. It was my first triathlon, too. To watch, that is I spent more than five hours north of San Francisco standing in crowds waving and cheering as we viewed the participants walk, run, bike, and swim. Unlike Chicago, San Francisco does not offer a great deal of live theater, so I spent more time Christmas shopping at Macy's. Books for the eight grandsons, all wrapped and ready to go.

As for theater, I can recommend any production at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater. They will feature 'short Shakespeare' beginning January 29 and running through March 9, 2002, on Saturdays at eleven a.m. The popular program takes the best-known Shakespearean plays and crafts them into short-length versions which are perfect for families or anyone looking for inexpensive, high-quality entertainment. Tickets for *A Midsummer Night's Dream* are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children aged 12 and under. Phone the box office at (312) 595-5600 or online at [chicagoshakes.com](http://chicagoshakes.com).

As for Palo Alto, the Stanford Theatre is presenting British pictures from the 1940's including *Gaslight*, *The Spider Woman*, *A Canterbury Tale*, *The Hound of the Baskervilles* and *Terror by Night*, as well as their traditional Christmas Eve screening of *It's A Wonderful Life*.

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# Book Reviews

by Jude Coyle

Juan

by Karl Price

Published by Rutledge Books, Inc.

This is a short book, less than two hundred pages, with a hell of an impact. Karl Price writes about his foster son in Juan. He takes the unusual step of telling this story through Juan's eyes.

Price met Juan at the airport in Managua, Nicaragua when Price had his shoes polished. Juan was six, maybe, and the shoe shine boy.

Juan lived a truly sorry existence by our standards. He shared a cold, leaky shack with his prostitute guardian and many siblings. The boy relates that he isn't sure of his age, his birth date, or even if his biological mother wasn't another prostitute who shared their living space at the time of Juan's birth, and just happened to give birth at about the same as the woman who ultimately cared for Juan through his early years.

Karl Price, unmarried, taught English at a school in another South American country. He offered

Juan a new life by becoming the boy's foster father. Unfortunately, Price was not able to formally adopt Juan.

Without giving away anymore of the story, I will say only that this story hinges on that fact.

Juan is an excellent book. It is one of those stories where one feels charged with the need to stand up and change the system. This story, is particularly important as we, the American public, more closely scrutinizes immigration issues.

Juan's education was limited to high school. My impression from reading the book was that he struggled with school. If I have one complaint about the writing or the subject material, it is that occasionally Price had difficulty staying with his character and at the same time making himself understood. I feel that once or twice, Price took the easy way out and resorted to a more intelligent or a better educated

response than the main character, Juan, was capable of.

In spite of that, I feel better for having read Juan.

American Muslims: The New Generation

by Asma Gull Hasan

Published by Continuum International Publishing Group, Inc.

I'll take this book as a smack in the head. I feel reassured that my Muslim neighbor is not a terrorist, nor are his children suicide bombers in training. As harsh, or as cold as that sounds, I think that is the image that Asma Gull Hasan wanted to dispel in American Muslims: The New Generation.

I'll give her her due here. As I thought this review through, I remembered Dr. Qurashi, the microbiologist who took time with me to explain anthrax a few weeks ago. I think about one of my brother's in-laws who married an Iranian man who is also a chemist for a large pharmaceutical concern. He is an extremely nice man besides. And I think of the owners of the Citco station at 127th and Kedzie, where I usually buy gas. They are helpful and friendly. In other

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words, I think about the professionals and business people I come in contact with daily, and I realize that they are just ordinary people.

Hasan covered a great deal of material in American Muslims: The New Generation, and I learned a lot about Islam from this book. Where I found great interest, in some of the topics discussed, some barely held my interest. Truthfully, I had difficulty finishing.

Where I couldn't relate to Hasan's discussion of women's headress (called hijab) or the difficulty that she, as a practicing Muslim, has in meeting men, I did appreciate her views and Islam's views on my religion. Also, I could relate to her disappointment at being singled out because her faith and nationality makes her different.

I found her faith fascinating. Islam is based on the teachings of the Profit Mohammed, and its beliefs are based on the 'Five Pillars of Islam.' First, Muslims must believe in God, and accept Mohammed as God's final profit. Secondly, Muslims are instructed to pray five times daily. Third, they are instructed to be charitable or 'give alms'. Fourth, they must fast during Ramadan. The final pillar is that if financially feasible, all Muslims must make the pilgrimage to their most holy city of Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Hasan discussed some Islamic sects. Where I don't understand the differences between Sunnism or Shi'ism, Hasan has provided me with a broader understanding of Minister Farrakhan's Nation of Islam, its good and bad aspects, and even the differences between Farrakhan's teachings, Wallace Mohammed's and the Profit Mohammed's.

Overall, I recommend this book to anyone interested in learning about Islam. Asma Gull Hasan writes in an easy manner. She is understandable, and her words flow easily. American Muslims: The New Generation is made up of chapters that are, in essence, essays. If the subject of headresses, or dating isn't of interest, skip to her discussion of Abraham, Jesus, the Virgin birth, or even on more prominent social issues like that of Islamic conversions in prison.



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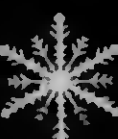
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## Willowbrook Ballroom events are a swinging start to the new year

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**Swinging Pre-New Year's Eve Party** on Sunday, December 30 7:30-11:30. The night will include swing lessons from 7:30-8:30pm, followed by open dancing until 11:30. Couples and singles of all ages are invited.

Swingers are encouraged to wear vintage attire. Jeans and gym shoes are not allowed. Admission is \$10, parking is free.

*New Year's Eve Celebration*

*tion 2001*, ring in 2002 in style as the ballroom hosts a stylish party on Monday, January 31.

Two packages are available, "Fine Dining and Dancing" at \$125 per person, with cocktails, dinner, dessert; and "Dancing into 2002", which includes champagne and favors and a continental breakfast following the midnight celebration for \$40 per person.

The attire is dressy/formal and the evening runs into 2am. Call (708)839-1000 for information.

The ballroom also will feature a "Good Time Charley" singles dance from 8pm-12am on Friday, January 4, 2002.

On average, 400-600 singles attend this night of dancing and socializing. Willowbrook's own disc jockey spins the hits.

Dancers are encouraged to wear proper attire...no jeans or gym shoes!

Admission is \$7 and parking is free. For more information, call (708)839-1000.



### Angels get their wings

Teddy bears with angel wings were presented to the Principal, Asst. Principal and the Chief Financial Officer in thanks for all the support, encouragement and guidance that they give to each and every student at Lourdes High School. From left to right: Asst. Principal Marilyn Baran, Principal Sr. Josita Krzeminski, and Sr. Rosemarie Morowczynski.

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## United Methodist Church

The tree in the nathex at Palos United Methodist Church at 121st & S. Harlem Avenue in Palos Heights is decorated in red, white and blue ornaments made by children. Family Worship Services, filled with music, are at 8:45 and 11:00 am Sunday, December 23.

Christmas Eve services are on Monday, December 24 at 4:00 and 7:30pm.

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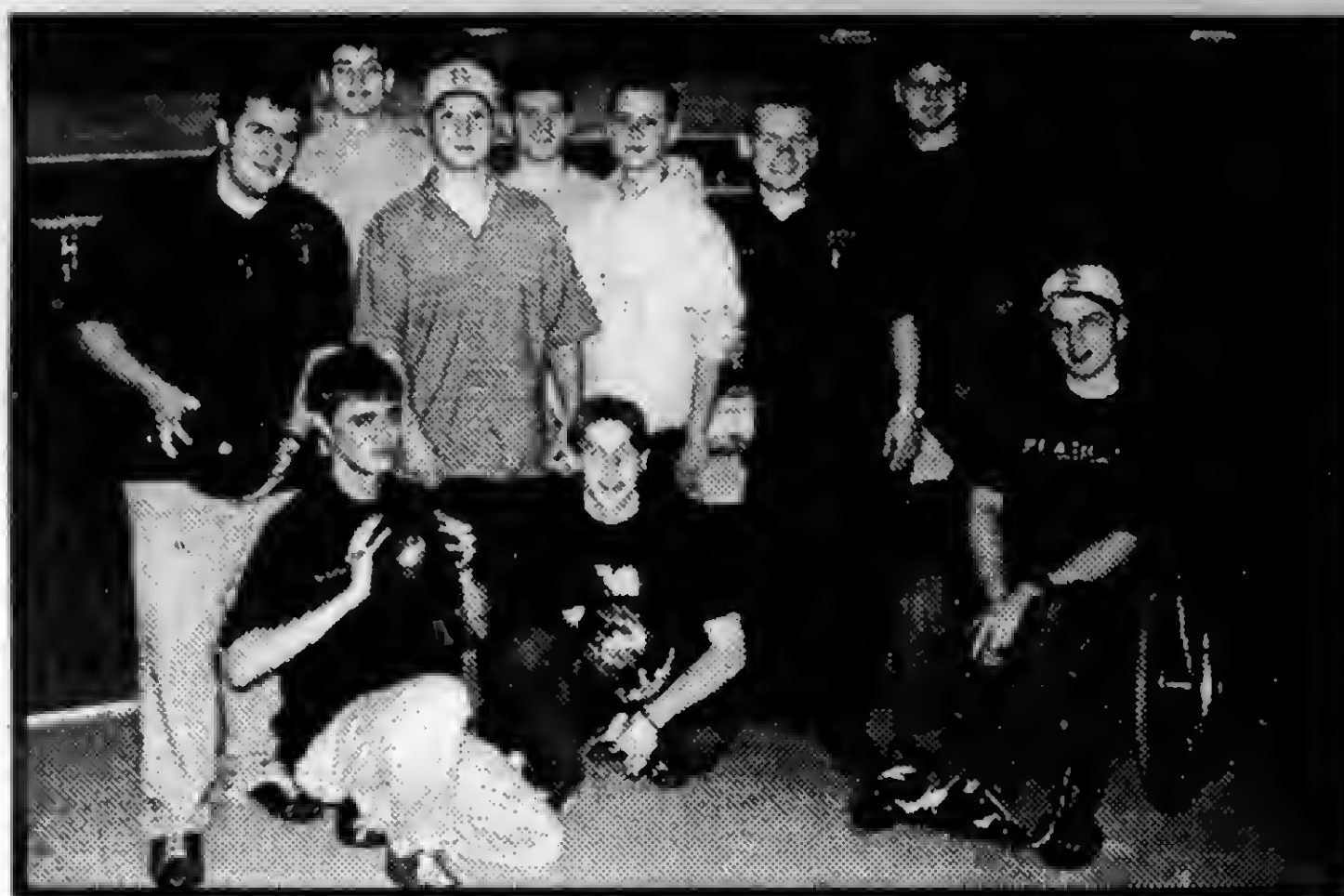
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## Bowl-A-Thon

St. Laurence High School National Honor Society sponsored its annual Bowl-a-Thon to benefit the Cerebral Palsy Foundation. The event took place at El Mar Bowling Lanes in Bridgeview raised over \$400 for the charity. Pictured are the participants of the charity event: (back row, left to right) Dave Ruckman (Oak lawn), Rob Dron (Summit), Evan Komosa (Chicago), Scott Modelski (Lockport), Mike Krueger (Chicago), Paul Gradjek (Justice), Brian Romniak (Chicago); (front row, left to right) Terry Maiellaro (Chicago), Sam Libretti (Burbank), Brian Sheehan (Chicago).

## ★ ★ ★ MILITARY NEWS ★ ★ ★



Army Spec. Byron T. Craig has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to soldiers who have served in any capacity in a noncombat area authorized by the Secretary of the Army. The recipients must distinguish themselves by meritorious service or achievement and accomplish the act with distinction.

Craig, a medical supply specialist, is assigned to Bravo Company, 147th Medical Logistics Battalion at Fort Sam Houston, San

Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Serina D. Craig-Polk of Maywood. He is a 1999 graduate from Proviso East High School.



Navy Midshipman Michael Brock, a 2000 graduate of Marist High School in Chicago, recently received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

At the Naval Academy, Brock will be prepared morally, intellectually and physically to become one of the future leaders of the Navy. In addition to instilling the highest ideals of honor, courage

and commitment, the Naval Academy will offer Brock a bachelor of science degree in one of 18 academic majors in engineering, math, science, social sciences and the humanities.

During the summers, Brock will receive on-the-job training on surface ships, submarines, aircraft and at Marine Corps units. Upon graduation, Brock will be commissioned as a Navy or Marine Corps officer.

## Babysitting class at Palos Community Hospital

Palos Community Hospital at 12251 S. 80th Ave. in Palos Heights offers an American Red Cross babysitting class for adolescents aged 11-15.

Participants learn about child growth and development, safety precautions, basic first aid, diapering and dressing infants, feeding babies, and preparing simple foods.

The two-day class meets from 9am-1pm Saturday and Sunday, January 5 and 6 at the hospital. Participants receive an American Red Cross certificate of completion. Call (708)923-5759



## Spring registration at St. Xavier

Spring registration is on now at St. Xavier University for classes that begin January 14, for graduate, undergraduate, and Adult College courses. Those interested in attending St. Xavier may call the Office of Admission at 773/298-3050 for application information.

Students may register for part-time and full-time study in day, evening and weekend classes. Saint Xavier offers

undergraduate and graduate degrees through the School of Arts and Sciences, School of Education, Graham School of Management and School of Nursing.

Adults aged 23 and older who wish to pursue an undergraduate degree while maintaining career and family commitments may apply for Adult College programs at Saint Xavier, with Majors offered being business administration, clinical counseling psychology, computer studies, criminal justice, English, Liberal studies, nursing and religious studies.

## Campaign disclosure workshop at Moraine Valley

A campaign disclosure workshop will be held via satellite linkup at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 19, in Room 109 of Building B, on the Moraine Valley campus, 10900 S. 88th Avenue in Palos Hills.

State Board of Elections officials said the workshops will focus on the filing requirements of candidates and political committees and on the Campaign Disclosure Act and Rules and Regulations. Officials added that the presentation is essential to campaign groups and candidates running for office in the general election schedule and for those involved in fundraising activities.

The workshop will last approximately two hours. Further information may be obtained by calling the Cook County Clerk's Office at (312)603-4743 or the State Board of Elections at (217)782-1543.

## Local hotels named 'Hotel Partners of the Year'

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau named the Hilton Oak lawn and the Baymont Inn of Alsip their "Hotel Partners of the Year" at the Bureau's annual Holiday Member Reception held Thursday, December 6 at the Hilton Oak Lawn. The two awards—one each for full-service and limited-service properties recognize the work of the Bureau's lodging partners in bringing and keeping business in the Chicago Southland.

The award is based on a point system, with points being awarded for responding to Bureau-generated leads, attending sales meetings, booking business from Bureau leads, and participating in events. Nine full-service hotels and 31 limited-service properties participated in this year's Hotel Partner of the Year Program.

## Some keys to having a successful small business

Small business is enjoying a high level of success, and research indicates it leads the country in new job creation and innovations.

"As small business and self-employment continue to be one of the fastest growing segments of the American economy, I have noticed some common characteristics of successful ventures," reports Mary Mucci, a local representative for the National Association for the Self-Employed. "Successful entrepreneurs are some of the most motivated and disciplined people I know."

The National Association for the Self-Employed offers the following tips for succeeding in small business:

**Plan:** Self-employed individuals need a well-executed plan that covers time, money, market trends and resources.

**Priorities:** The self-employed must always remember what's really important. In addition to prioritizing their work, they must live a balanced life with plenty of

time for family, friends, themselves and their businesses.

**People:** Working at home can be lonely and secluded. Self-employed individuals need to network and continually increase their circle of influence by joining or attending seminars.

**Principles:** Self-employed individuals must be disciplined, motivated, dedicated and persistent. Successful business owners avoid distractions and procrastination by keeping their workplace and hours separate from other responsibilities.

**Professionalism:** Prosperous self-employed individuals remember how important it is to make a good first impression with their clients, whether through dealing with them in person, by phone, or the internet.

The NASE is a national, non-profit partisan association representing small business. They can be reached at 800/269-5680.

"It is a great privilege to have been chosen Hotel Partner of the year," said Hilton Oak Lawn's GM Joan Geary. "Our partnership with the Bureau is one of our strongest alliances."

## New dean at St. Xavier

Saint Xavier University welcomes John Pelrine, Jr. as its new Dean of Students.

As Dean of Students, Pelrine will serve as an advocate for St. Xavier students. He will assist them in completing their academic programs and having a well-rounded collegiate experience. He will also oversee Student Activities, Residential Life, Student Success Program, Learning Assistance Center, Student Media, and handle student judicial affairs.

"I was attracted to saint Xavier because the atmosphere is clearly driven by a

set of values and because the student service programs have a solid reputation, especially in the area of student retention," said pelrine. "I am looking forward to impacting all service areas and to encourage the campus to think about how we may best serve our students."

Pelrine earned his masters degree in Pastoral Studies and his bachelor of arts in Political Science at Loyola University, where he held several positions before joining St. Xavier.

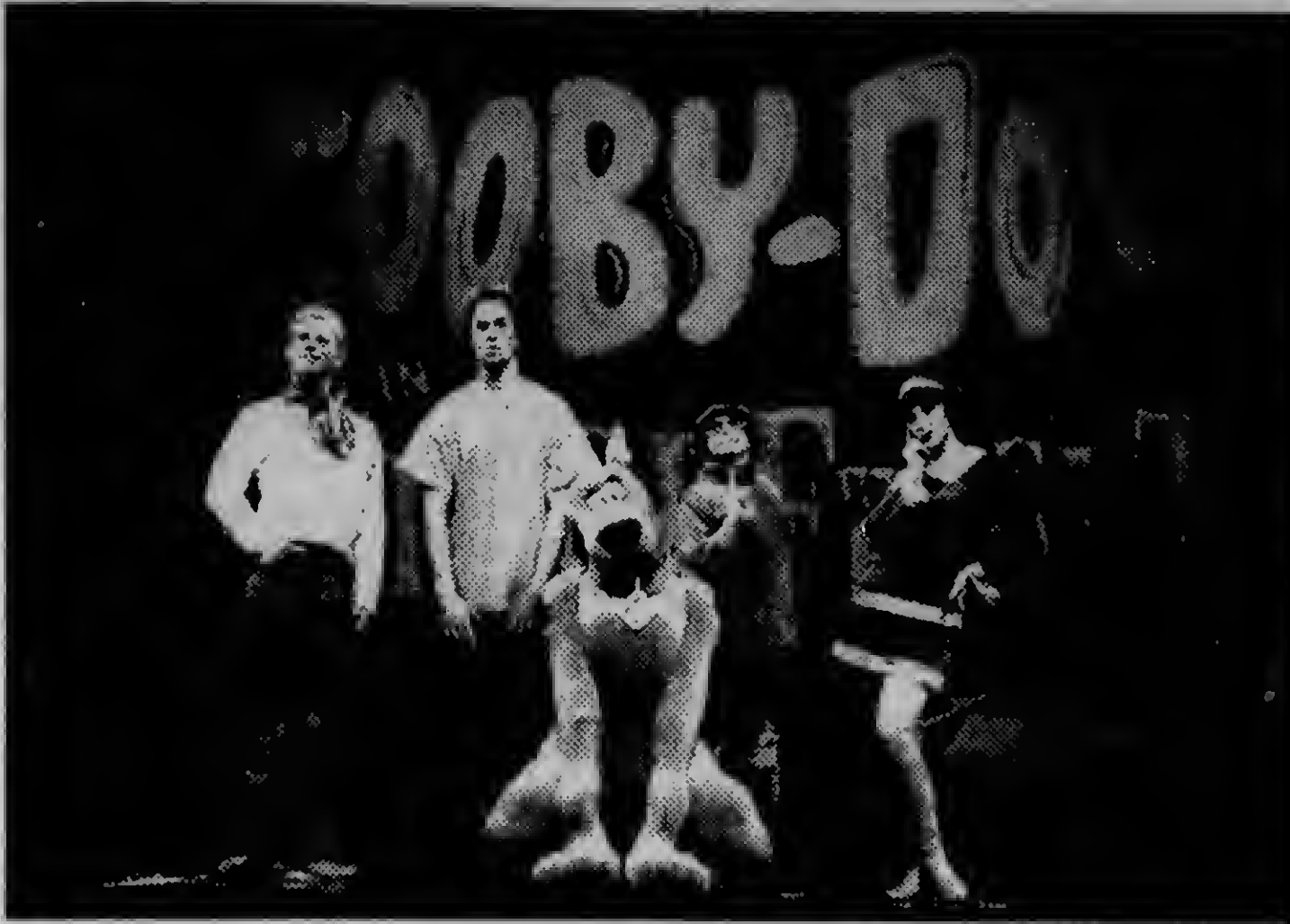
## Blood drive at Palos

Start 2002 off right by giving one last gift--the gift of good health!

Palos Community Hospital is sponsoring a blood drive from 8am-1pm Friday, January 4. This simple, virtually painless donation could help save a life.

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## 'Scooby Doo' debuts at Rosemont

Scooby-Doo and his mystery-solving gang Shaggy, Velma, Daphne and Fred, will take the Rosemont Theater stage by storm, February 8-17, 2002, in their first-ever theatrical production. Tickets for the premiere engagement of *Scooby-Doo in Stagefright-Live on Stage* go on sale Monday, December 17 at 10:00 am.

The beloved Hanna-Barbera characters perform a "long-lost" episode where they have to solve the mystery of a supernatural spectre wreaking havoc at the old Clawhammer movie studio. The gang faces one hilarious situation after another as they hunt for clues on the set of a

movie directed by Daphne's totally hip uncle. With crazy creatures, perplexing puzzles, and an abundance of Scooby Snax, Scooby-Doo and friends are at their best, solving cases and traveling the country in their Mystery Machine van!

Created by *Kids in the Hall* alumni, the show is a psychedelic hip twist on Broadway-style productions. Classic Scooby-style high jinks, magical special effects, amazing acrobatics and swarms of bats sweeping the stage provide more laughs than chills and more fun than fear.

One of tv's longest-running cartoons, *Scooby-Doo*,

*Where are You!* debuted in 1969 and remains wildly popular today. Today, the show airs on the Cartoon Network 45 times every week.

*Scooby-Doo in Stagefright-Live on Stage* appears at the Rosemont Theater at 7:30pm Friday, February 8; 1, 4, and 7:30pm on Saturday, February 9; 1 and 4 pm Sunday, February 10; and at 7:30 pm on February 12, 13, 14, and 15; 1, 4 and 7:30 pm on Saturday, February 16; and 4 pm on Sunday, February 17.

Tickets are available at Ticketmaster locations or by phone at 312/559-1212.

## Hawkinson opens Nissan dealership in Matteson

Hawkinson Nissan (formerly Miller Nissan) is now open in the Matteson Auto Mall. Jim and Bob Hawkinson are proud to announce the opening of their new Nissan dealership and invite south Chicagoland customers to stop in.

Jim and Bob purchased the franchise from Dave Miller and opened the doors officially in November. Hawkinson Nissan is a full-service dealership located conveniently located off of I-57 at Route 30 in the Matteson Auto Mall.

"We would like to invite all Nissan customers to get the Hawkinson price," said Bob. "We want to encourage all our Hawkinson Ford friends to take a look at Nissan, too."

Jim and Bob Hawkinson have set out to make Hawkinson Nissan the most innovative Nissan dealership in Chicagoland.

## In case of layoff it's good to be prepared

If you're facing a lay off, take comfort in knowing you're not alone. Almost a million jobs will be lost in 2001. How you manage your experience of being laid off can set you apart as a creative, innovative producer who will not only survive these changing times, but actually thrive in them. You will come out stronger, smarter and more confident.

**Remember it's still a seller's market:** Despite growing numbers of layoffs, the overall unemployment rate is still at historic lows. You may have to temporarily change careers, move to a new location or learn new skills. Most changes--such as new training--are actually long-term investments to a more profitable career for a lifetime. Look to where opportunities are opening and target your self-marketing efforts in those directions.

**Don't take "go" for an answer:** Many companies realize that they want to stay in touch with their laid-off employees, so they can hire them back again when the economy returns to a growth period. Work out creative ways to stay on friendly terms with your employer. Take contract work on a consulting basis. Investigate positions that are open in other departments. Start a networking group of fellow laid-off employees and let your company know you're the group's main contact. Position yourself as a strategic partner in the company's long-term mission-critical objectives (regardless of your own immediate short-term needs), and you will always be welcome.

**Don't take it personally:** Take your boss to lunch to show no hard feelings. Thank him or her for the opportunity to participate in growing the company and express your wish to stay in touch. Write a letter expressing similar desires to the head of your division, the CEO and/or new owner of your company.

**Get Strategic:** Ask yourself, "Are these decisions I'm making based on survival and panic? Or am I strategically designing the best future for myself?" Learn how successful companies strategize themselves out of disadvantaged situations and copy their techniques.

## Queen of Peace students accepted into mentor program

Queen of Peace High School in Burbank is proud to launch the St. Catherine of Siena Scholars program, an innovative academic opportunity for students at Peace to collaborate with a mentor and engage throughout the year in rigorous research over and above their regular course of study.

Twenty-four candidates were accepted into the program based on a 3.8 grade point average, a reflection essay, faculty endorsement and parent approval.

Seniors scholar candidates are Stephanie Baker, Katie Fitzpatrick, Meghan Hayes, and Rebecca Hodorowicz, Erin Ramdesden, Megan Sullivan and Kaitlin Shrine, all of Chicago; Mari Janik, Burbank; Rachel Williams, Evergreen Park; and

Aleksandra Wojda, Willow Springs.

Junior Scholar Candidates are: Christine Barry, Karen Clark, Jolanta Dziadkowiec, Amanda Speck, and Susane Mukdad, all of Burbank, Erin Foley and Vicki Paprocki of Oak Lawn, and Susan Platos, of Hickory Hills.

Sophomore candidates are: Leona Antosz and Cara Gorman of Chicago; Carrie McKeown of Alsip, Nicole Surico of Oak Lawn, Bernadette Skobel of Lemont, and Jenny Szablewski of Bridgeview.

The Catherine of Siena Scholars Program, unique to Queen of Peace, is named for St. Catherine of Siena, one of the first woman saints to be declared a doctor of the Catholic Church. Catherine, a member of the

Third Order of Dominicans, was considered one of the most powerful women in Europe in the late 14th century, counseling bishops and popes, as well as townspeople and nobles. Her virtues of contemplation, reflection and mysticism and her commitment to serving the sick, poor and imprisoned have made her a role model for active spirituality. Her motivation was simple--a love of God and a love of humanity.



Pictured from left to right, front row: Margarita Jaramillo (Little Village), Laura Gutierrez (McKinley Park), Taneisha Harvey (Berwyn), Marissa Ochoa (Little Village), Christina Valencia (Archer Heights) back row: Lauren Giampa (Scottsdale), Erica Acosta (Pilsen), Maria Arreguin (McKinley Park), Ann Cummings (West Lawn), Teresa Blumenberg (Grand Blvd.), Ericka Cervantes (McKinley Park), and Natalia Guzman (McKinley Park).

## REACH Club of Lourdes has feast

The REACH Club of Lourdes High School in Chicago recently held "Culture Feast", an International Food Day Lunch in the school. REACH (which stands for Respect Ethnic and Cultural

Heritage) members and club moderator, Social Studies teacher Patricia Kozubowski, prepared and served an outstanding variety of scrumptious foods and desserts that are traditional dishes in sev-

eral of the cultures represented in the Lourdes student body.

Money collected from "Culture Feast" will be donated to the St. Susana Shelter to buy baby diapers.





Pictured are, from left to right: Back Row: Carjann Walton, Cameron Todd, Yvonne Roman, Amanda Vasquez, Mary Ellen Coates. Front Row: Adriana Torres, Maria Arreguin, Vanessa Godinez, Karla Quezada.

## Lourdes girls receive class rings

Sister Josita Krzemski, SSI-TOSF, Principal, the faculty, staff and administration of Lourdes High School (4034 W. 56th Street in Chicago) wishes to congratulate the young women of the Junior division who received their school rings during the All Saints Liturgy on November 1, 2001 held in Stritch Hall Auditorium.

The class of 2003 with the assistance of junior moderator Ms. Mariagnes Menden, put together a spiritually uplifting liturgy and memorable ceremony in which several students participated as gift bearers, lectors, eucharistic ministers and singers.

Rev. Frank Burck from St. Louis De Montfort Parish in Oak Lawn was the presider

who blessed the class rings presented to the students by Principal Sr. Josita Krzemski, Assistant Principal Marilyn Baran, CFO Sr. Rosemarie Morowczynski, and Chorus Director Mariagnes Menden.

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## Christ Medical Center January education

Advocate Christ Medical Center at 4440 W. 95th Street in Oak Lawn has scheduled the following community education classes and support group meetings for the month of January:

**Blood Pressure Tests:** Free tests by the medical center's cardiac conditioning nursing staff are offered from 2-3:30 pm the first Wednesday of every month, except holidays, in the Senior Advocate Office.

**Prescription Analysis Service:** A free "brown bag" prescription drug analysis service is offered from 2-3:30 pm the first Wednesday of every month in the Senior Advocate Office.

**Post Polio Support Group:** A support group for people who have had polio will meet at 7:30 pm the second Monday of each month in the medical center's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. Meetings are free and family members are welcome. No registration required.

**Happy Hearts Support Group:** A support group for people who have undergone open-heart surgery or who have heart disease meets at

7:30 pm the second Tuesday of each month in the Percy Hopkins Auditorium. Free.

**Pediatric Diabetic Support Group:** A free support group for children with diabetes and their parents meets 7-9pm the second Wednesday of each month in Room 2176 of Hope Children's Hospital.

**Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders Support Group:** A free support group for individuals who suffer from eating disorders meets at 7pm the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Please call 708/388-5413 for information.

**Crohn's Disease Support Group:** A free support group for individuals with Crohn's and ulcerative colitis meets from 7:30-9:30pm the second Tuesday of each month.

**Easy Breathers Pulmonary Support Group:** A free support group for individuals with pulmonary disease meets from 10-11:30 am the third Monday of the month in the Percy Hopkins Auditorium.

**Sharing the Journey:** Small group sessions for individuals who have experi-

enced the death of a significant individual in their lives will meet at 7:30 pm the third Monday of the month in the Harbor Room.

**Congestive Heart Failure Support Group:** A free group for persons with congestive heart failure meets at 2pm the third Tuesday of the month in the Four Seasons Room.

**Prostate Cancer Support Group:** A free group for men with prostate cancer meets from 7-9pm the third Tuesday of the month in the Percy Hopkins Auditorium B & C.

**Parents of Children with Special Needs Support Group:** This free group meets the third Wednesday of the month in room 2176 in Hope Children's Hospital.

**Breast Cancer Support Group:** This free group for women and their families meets at 7:30 pm the third Wednesday of the month in the Red Room.

**POPS:** A free support group for parents of children with cancer meets at 7:30 p.m. The third Wednesday of the month in room 2176.

**Parents of Children with**

## Auto Show to Benefit Hope Children's Hospital

For the second year, Advocate Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn, has been selected as one of the beneficiaries of the Chicago Auto Show's "First Look for Charity", a black-tie gala held at the auto show on February 7, a day before the show opens to the public.

"First Look for Charity", considered the largest one-day fundraising event in northern Illinois, is sponsored annually by area car dealerships organized as the Chicago Automobile Trade Association. The program typically attracts thousands of participants and contributes 100 percent of the proceeds to select not-for-profit programs and organizations. Approximately \$60,000 was raised on behalf of Hope Children's Hospital in 2001.

The 2002 "First Look for Charity" will be held from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm in the McCormick Place South building at Lake Shore Drive and 23rd Street in Chicago.

This year's program is expected to generate an esti-

mated \$1.5 million on behalf of 18 not-for-profit groups, including Hope Children's Hospital.

"We have an opportunity to raise tens of thousands of dollars for our children's programs as a result of participation in this outstanding endeavor," said Catherine Squires, vice president of development at Advocate Christ Hope Children's Hospital.

"Support for Hope Children's Hospital translates into support for local communities, because we are able to continue to provide top-quality care for youngsters throughout the region," Squires added.

In addition to getting a first look at the upcoming season's newest car models and latest concept car offerings from over 40 manufacturers, gala ticketholders also have a chance to win the hot new 2002 Ford Thunderbird.

Charity-event tickets cost \$150 each and are available through the Advocate Charitable Foundation office at 847/384-3400.

Located on the campus of Advocate Christ Medical Center at 4440 W. 95th Street in Oak Lawn, Hope Children's Hospital is a 64-bed facility, staffed by an estimated 150 pediatricians who represent more than 30 pediatric specialties. A referral center for northeastern Illinois and northwestern Indiana, Hope Children's Hospital includes a pediatric trauma center and a neonatal intensive care unit, both of which have been accorded the highest designations; the Heart Institute for Children, which is nationally known for its successful work in pediatric heart surgery; and widely recognized programs in cancer care, general surgery, critical care, neurosurgery and rehabilitation.

The hospital, which admits nearly 3,000 pediatric patients and registers about 90,000 outpatient visits annually, celebrated its five-year anniversary in November.

## Marist Basketball League a Great Success

Marist Basketball Coach Gene Nolan, with the help of Mr. Phil Collins and Mr. Tom Clifford offered a fall basketball league called "For the Love of the Game" for 7th and 8th graders. The league proved to be very successful when the event filled with 85 players. The basketball players came from such schools as St. Linus, St. Catherine, Most Holy Redeemer, Christ the King and St. Margaret of Scotland.

The evenings involved playing several games, which ran from 5:30-8:50 pm.

Because of the strong interest, Mr. Nolan had Marist basketball players assist with the league: Brian Tansey, Pat Richardson, Derek Venhuizen, Jon Baumhardt, Matt Dapkus, Ryan Quinn, Steve Blazina, Gene Diamond and Jimm Griffin.

**Autism Support Group:** A free support group meets at 7pm the last Thursday of the month in room 2176 at Hope Children's Hospital.

**Senior Breakfast Club:** Area senior citizens are invited to attend a free presentation from 8:30-9:45 am the third Friday of the month. Registration is necessary.

**Arthritis Support Group:** A free support and education group is offered for individuals with arthritis and their families at 11am the fourth Tuesday of the month at Peace Memorial Church in Palos Park.

**Hand n' Hand:** A free support group for the Illinois Pediatric Brain Injury Resource Center will meet from 7-8 pm the fourth Tuesday of the month in room 2176 of Advocate's Hope Children's Hospital to provide resources, information, and recreational opportunities for parents of children who have suffered a brain injury.

**Mall Walkers Program:** As part of the Mall Walkers Program, Advocate Christ Medical Center offers free monthly lectures and occasional health screenings at Ford City Mall, 7601 S. Cicero at 9am in the North Room the last Tuesday of the month. Participation is free and open to the public.

**Additional programs offered at Advocate Christ Medical Center:**  
**Teen Alcoholics Support Group:** A free, 12-step support group for teens with alcohol addiction. The group meets Wednesdays from 7-8pm. No registration is required, but please call the HealthAdvisor 1-800-323-8622.  
**Babysitting Classes:** The staff of the newborn nurses offers babysitting classes for boys and girls aged 11-16 at this American Red Cross class. The cost is \$25.  
Other support groups include Emotions Anonymous and Overeaters Anonymous. Classes also include Senior Exercise and Specialized Weight and Conditioning Program, as well as a CPR class.  
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20, *Play It Cool* (January 24-27), *Let's Dance* (January 31-February 3), *Auto Motives* (February 7-10), *Embrace Opera* (February 14-18), *Act On It* (February 21-24) and *Think Art* (February 28-March 3). 877-CHICAGO.

Chicago Boat, Sports and RV Show - January 23-27

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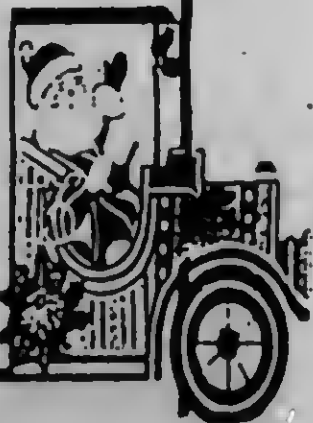
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# VILLAGE VIEW

All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

## Top warning signs that your business is in trouble

**CHICAGO, January 14, 2002** - The ability to recognize, acknowledge and react quickly to warning signs that your business is in trouble could mean the difference between keeping your company's doors open or closing them. The Illinois CPA Society urges small business owners to be alert to the following danger signs.

### LOST MARKET SHARE AND DECLINING SALES -

In today's competitive market, customers don't hesitate to search out the best products and services, even if that means severing long-term busi-

ness relationships. You should regard a loss in market share as a clear message from your customers that a problem exists. Look within your company for declines in product quality and/or customer service. Look outside your company to determine what competitors may be doing to pull market share away.

A seasonal drop in sales can be common for certain kinds of businesses, but a steady downward curve for two or three quarters in a row typically indicates trouble. Set realistic sales goals and time frames for your firm. Then outline the specific

steps you need to take to achieve those goals. Maybe you should re-examine your product line and/or pricing model. Perhaps it's time to design a new marketing strategy or expand geographically. What you don't want to do is ignore this warning.

### SUSTAINED CASH FLOW PROBLEMS -

If there is one are of vulnerability many growing companies share, it's cash flow problems. An occasional crunch may not be a sign of the unhealthy business, but left unchecked, persistent cash flow difficulties can mean trouble. What can you do? In terms of accounts receivable, be selective about granting credit. Bill promptly and follow up when receivables pass the 45-day mark. Your strategy for accounts payable

should focus on timing payments so they are received on or just before the due date. To improve cash flow, keep inventories low and take advantage of volume discounts only if you can use the entire amount purchased.

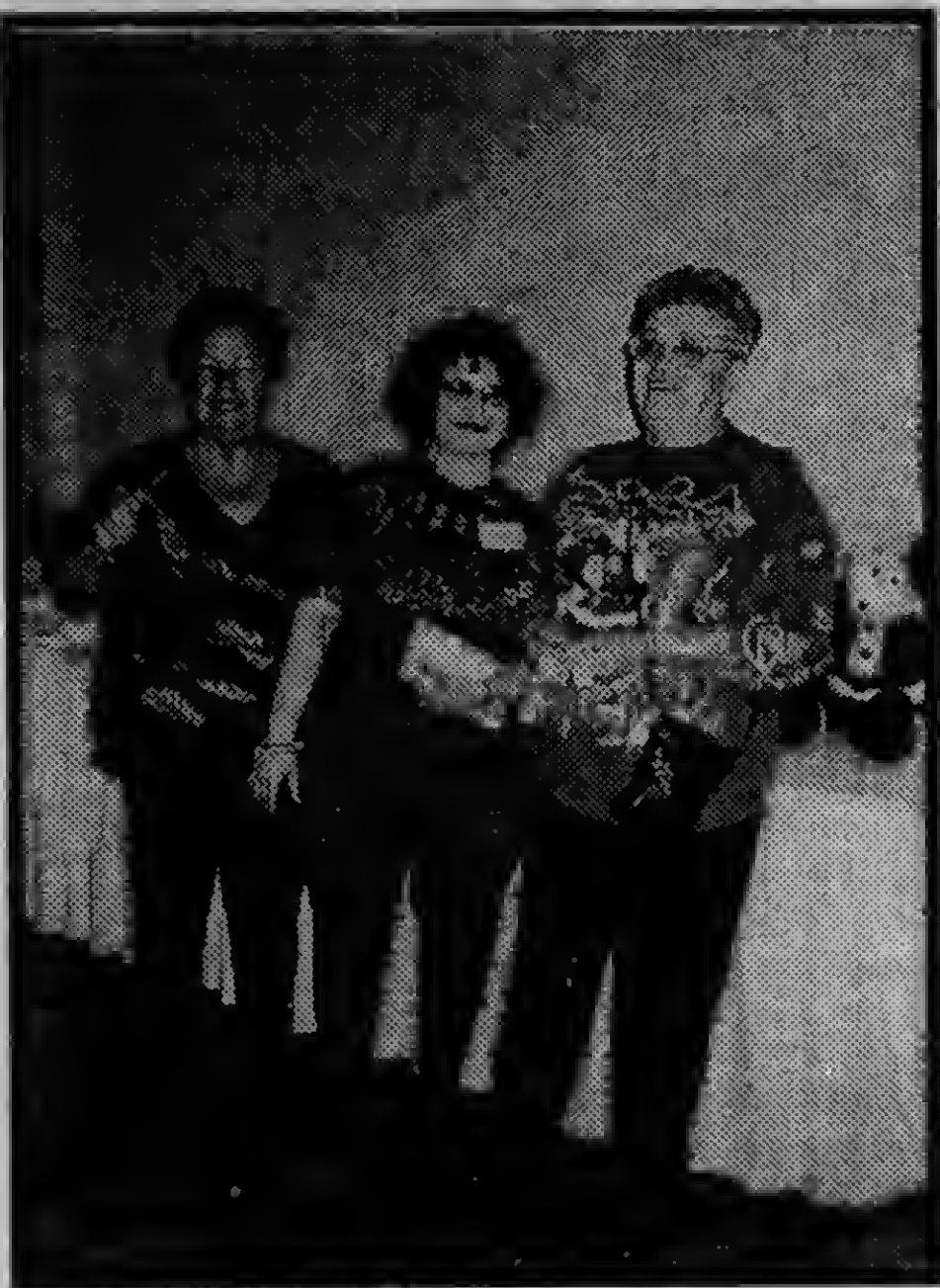
### DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE -

One of the biggest mistakes business owners make is to look the other way and hope things will get better. If your business is showing any of these warning signs you need to identify solutions and implement corrective actions in a timely way. A CPA can help your business get back on the right track.

[www.icpas.org](http://www.icpas.org) or call (312) 99300309 or (800) 993-0393.



Richard Zilka (center), president of the Clearing Civic League, sings Christmas carols with his wife Marie (r) and another club member at the organizations annual Christmas party at the Heritage Hall, 5540 S. Narragansett, Tuesday, December 11. Nearly 100 community residents attended the buffet style event. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)



Ridge residents greet Christmas

Jean Franczyk (l), president of the Garfield Ridge Civic League, joins fellow officers Joyce Guinan (center), and Lorraine Laiter at the raffle table at the club's annual Christmas party to distribute gifts to all the guests whose ticket numbers were called that day. More than 50 people attended this annual event at the Flamingo Banquet Hall, 6071 S. Archer, Sunday, December 9. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)

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## Happy Holidays

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## Worth Police stop computer theft ring

By F.J. Soczek

Officers from the Worth Police Department seized a large quantity of allegedly stolen computer equipment from a local business last week.

According to Police Chief Patrick O'Connor, a search warrant issued from the Fifth District Court was executed on December 6th, whereupon officers confiscated an estimated \$60,000 in new and used computer equipment from The Computer Spot, 6723 W. 111th Street.

Arrested were Joseph H. Denton of West 109th Street in Chicago, and Jimmy D. Jackson of Home Ave. in Stickney.

Denton was charged with theft and possession of stolen property.

Following a hearing in which bond was set at \$10,000, Denton was ordered to appear in Court on January 10, 2002.

Bond was set at \$15,000 for Jackson, who was charged with possession of stolen property along with felony possession of cannabis.

Jackson is also scheduled to appear in Bridgeview Court January 10, 2002.

O'Connor stated his department received a tip that Denton, a delivery driver for a local company, was observed carrying cartons from his employer's truck into his 111th Street storefront.

The business, known as The Computer Spot, operated under a license issued by the Village of Worth and had been in open for about three months.

O'Connor conducted an intense, two week investigation in which officers armed with cash purchased a new computer from Denton.

The serial number on the

machine purchased by the officers matched one destined for an area retailer.

O'Connor hypothesized the computers were stolen in relatively small quantities over a period of time in order to avoid immediate detection.

Officers asked Denton where he had obtained the substantial inventory and inquired if receipts for the merchandise were available.

Based on a nebulous response to the latter inquiries, a warrant was issued and the property was seized.

O'Connor stated his officers visited the Stickney home of Jimmy D. Jackson, on belief Jackson performed repairs for the business.

After being invited inside, the Officers observed what appeared to be a quantity of cannabis on Jackson's workbench.

O'Connor related the 1100 grams of cannabis resulted in the felony charge, which compounded the initial accusation of possession of stolen property.

O'Connor praised Sergeant Martin Knolmayer and Investigator Anthony Balsamo for their efforts in the investigation and apprehension of the alleged suspects.

Clearly, law enforcement officials will be busy for some time tracking the origins of the computer cache.

Officers transferred literally tons of heavy monitors, CPU's and peripheral equipment to the basement storage area of the Worth Police Dept.

Cordoned off with official yellow "Police Line--Do Not Cross" tape, many of the items appear to be used, or in some cases removed from their original packaging.

Tracing the serial numbers against distributor's records, cartage company manifests

as well as theft reports from local police departments will be time consuming. And costly.

O'Connor noted the defendants are normally required by the courts to prove ownership of the property in question, particularly in situations when it is suspected money from illegal activity is involved in its acquisition.

Following disposition of

the case from the State's Attorney's office, unclaimed items will be made available for public viewing and possible return to the rightful owners.

Should any items remain after the latter procedure, they will be included in a public auction, usually held once a year to dispose of similarly "abandoned" property.

## Shapedown program

Palos Community Hospital is offering a Shapedown program, a specialized family-centered program that promotes good nutrition, a

healthy self-image, and safe short and long-term weight loss. Participants learn to develop positive eating and exercise habits and address self-esteem issues that often accompany or cause weight control problems.

Led by registered dietitians, the Shapedown class is

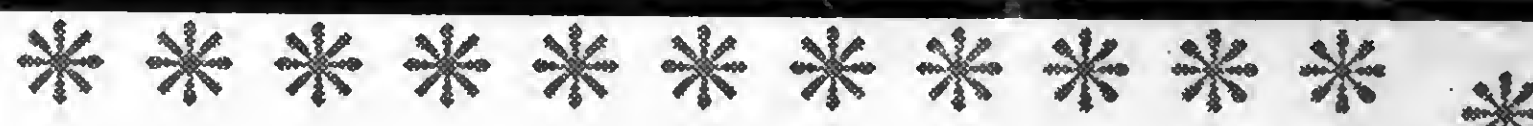


offered in separate sessions: one for teens aged 13-17, and another for children, ages 9-12.

A free orientation for the Shapedown class will be held from 6-7pm on Wednesday, January 9 at Palos Health & Fitness Center at 15430 West Avenue in Orland Park.

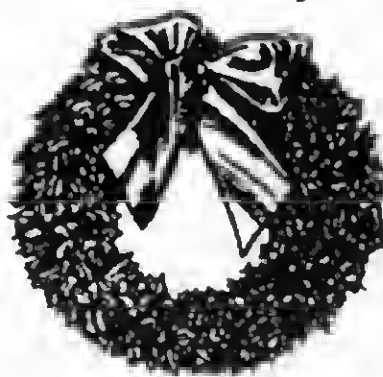
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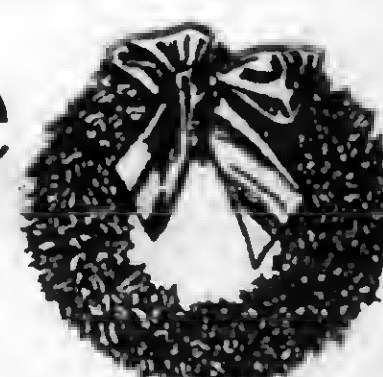


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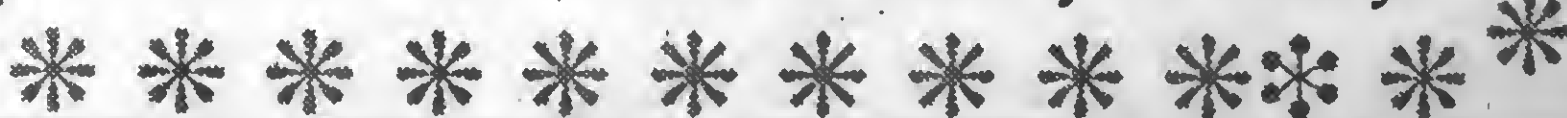
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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Board passes water sewer and parking fine increases

by Jude Coyle

At the Monday, December 17th Village Board Meeting, Mayor Sexton announced that Sergeant Wayne Kakowski has been accepted to the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. According to Mayor Sexton, less than 1% of the nation's police officers are accepted into the FBI Academy. Evergreen Park, he said, has as many or more graduates than any of the neighboring suburbs. Trustee Norbert Smith graduated from there when he served as Evergreen Park's police chief.

Mayor Sexton invited audience members to pick up a copy of the new 'Village Newsletter.' It will be published semi-annually.

The Board took action on the following ordinances: In accordance with a 4% rate hike by the City of Chicago both last year and this, the Village has raised water rates by 6%. They felt that 6% was appropriate because the Village absorbed the cost of last year's increase. The rate hike will be passed onto residents as of 1/1. An increase is expected for each of the next three years.

An ordinance amending section 24-203, Sewer Rates, of Chapter 24, Water Sewers and Sewage Disposal of the Evergreen Park Municipal Code was amended. An increase of \$.03 per 1,000 gallons of

sewage will go into effect on 1/1. This is the first increase in sewer rates since 1989.

Ordinance 26-2001 amended Section 13-388, Scheduling of Fines/Penalties, of Chapter 13, Motor Vehicles and Traffic. Fines for parking tickets have been raised from \$25 to \$35. Fees for violations of handicap parking are increasing from \$100 to \$135.

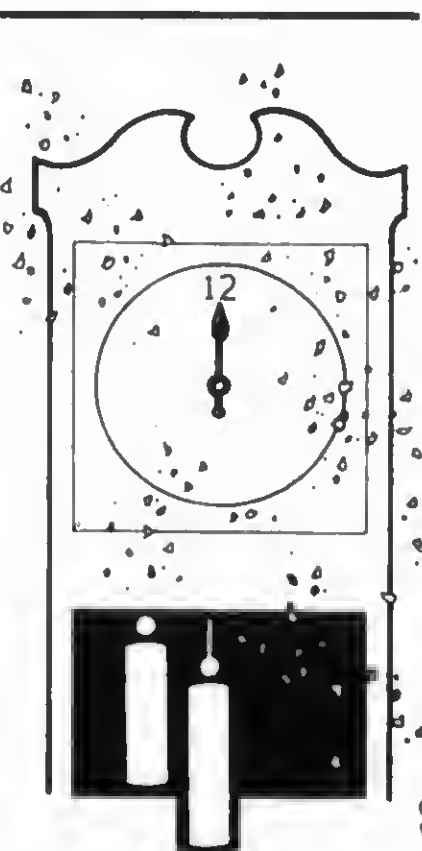
The Village is purchasing the property at 3737 West 95th Street. This was Speed's Gas Station. The Village plans to use it as a commercial parking lot, similar to the property at 95th and Turner. The Village will pave, light and beautify the property, at an expected cost of \$200,000.

Ordinance 28-2001 goes hand in hand with the above ordinance. This amends Chapter 11, Licenses, Taxation and Miscellaneous Business Regulations. Article XIII, Special Taxation for Improvements will allow the Village to create special service areas, including parking lots. This gives the Village the authority to raise money for improvements in areas deemed 'special service units'.

Trustee Mary Murphey handed in her resignation, effective January 1, 2002. Mrs. Murphey is taking on the position of Emer-

gency Preparedness Coordinator. She has worked this position on a volunteer basis for the past two years. She will coordinate public safety with the police, fire, recreation and public works department. She will be reporting to Fire Chief Edward Clohessy. Mrs. Murphey has served the Village as Trustee for the past 6 years, and in other capacities for nine years prior. To her credit, she has worked on projects such as 'blue bag recycling.'

Chief Clohessy asked the Board for permission to seek out bids on a new ambulance now while interest rates are low. Delivery will take 3 to six months. This was approved.



## Bourbon Street is not your ordinary restaurant and bar

By F.J. Soczek

Clearly, the tragic events of September 11th have demonstrated, beyond a shadow of a doubt, the indefatigable resolve and selfless generosity of the American people.

Whether taking the form of a glitzy Hollywood production or a simple, hand-lettered styrofoam cup on a lunch counter, the act of helping another in distress transcended otherwise seemingly intractable social boundaries.

Countless American flags appeared, almost overnight, in a show of unity—a symbolic external gesture of an even deeper greatness. A greatness that was here all along.

The outward signs of public largess are fewer now. On occasion, a fire crew will pass a boot between vehicles at a crowded intersection. A jar of coins and an occasional crumpled dollar bill can still be found next to a restaurant cash register.

For Vince and Nick DiNovo, the philanthropy has hardly waned with the passage of time. In fact, their philosophy of giving back to their community has increased many fold.

The DiNovo's own 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th Street in Merrionette Park.

The cavernous, festively decorated restaurant and bar celebrates New Orleans-style cuisine—albeit a thousand miles away from the Big Easy.

Since opening several years ago, 115 Bourbon Street has hosted approximately 20 benefits for individuals and families in need—providing the expansive facilities (and requisite staff) at no cost.

Local resident Kelly Conlon, Benefit Coordinator at 115 Bourbon Street, joined the organization following the tragic death of her stepfather, Lt. Scott P. Gillen of the Chicago fire Dept.

Gillen died in December, 2000. He was struck by a motorist as he responded to an accident on the Bishop Ford Freeway.

"My mother, sisters and I are making it through our loss with the help of family and friends," Conlon explained.

"We discovered the profound depth of love and concern that others felt for us during a benefit held last spring," she added.

Oak Lawn resident Jean Lightcap wholeheartedly echoed Conlon's sentiments following a similar benefit held on behalf of her sister, Jan Frith.

Jan and her family were left facing enormous expenses related to her cancer treatments.

Lightcap inquired at a number of VFW and American Legion halls, hoping to secure space for a benefit.

Simply "renting a hall" is not as easy as it would appear. One demanded a cash bar be included with the "deal."

Another required pre-arranged "sit-down" dining arrangements.

Lightcap and her friends had solicited food and beverage donations from area businesses—and the DiNovo's were willing to work with them—without "strings."

Jean Lightcap was amazed at the attention to detail provided by the staff at 115 Bourbon Street.

"Little things—from providing serving utensils to re-filling the coffee pot" contributed to the success of the endeavor Lightcap noted.

And the logistics of preparing a function for several hundred people are considerable. Bourbon Street staff even offered the use of their safe to keep the collected funds secure.

The collective generosity demonstrated must, in a certain sense, be contagious.

Like Kelly Conlon, Jean Lightcap is applying her newly acquired benefit expertise to help out a similar family in need.

Another popular benefit was recently held to raise funds for a "burn camp," a summertime outing for youthful fire victims.

Events for the fast approaching "New Year" are shaping up nicely, Conlon stated.

"We have 14 benefits planned through June."

Conlon encourages groups contemplating fund-raising events to contact her at (708) 388-8881.

Perhaps the folks at 115 Bourbon Street are on to something unique—Having fun. And helping someone in need at the same time!



# Big and little league baseball teams parallel each other

By Ed Kozak

It's awfully hard to beat the Yankees under any circumstance, but especially in championships. The name Yanks seems to have some mystical power, whether they be at the highest professional level, or a local Little League program. But in 2001, myths were destroyed, and teams of Yankees proved human and eminently beatable.

We are probably all aware of the Arizona D-Backs defeating the Bronx Bombers in a stirring, one-for-the-ages World Series a few weeks ago. The Yankees, who normally eat inexperienced clubs for breakfast, suddenly succumbed to spotlight pressure and surprisingly fell to those desert denizens in a dramatic Game 7. Perhaps it was divine intervention, perhaps dumb luck, or perhaps those pro players were shown the way by two groups of youngsters playing for the love of the game right here in Chicago's southwest sub-

urbs.

Participating in the Oak Lawn Baseball League, the 7-8 year olds, the Pintos, and the 9-10 year olds, the Mustangs, each proved a few months earlier that beating those darned Yankees was not so hard after all. The Pinto Diamondbacks, led by Manager Mike Goldsmith, had an outstanding year, and were victorious over a team of Yankees in the championship held at the Little League Stadium at 99th & Central.

The Diamondbacks in the Mustang division, coached by first-year manager Don Kustok and assistants Dave Thompson, Matt Biondic, and Dan Kelly, also had a very good regular season. Led by standouts Mike Goldsmith, Jr., Daniel Thompson, Mark Tadla, Ryan Burns and Nick Kowalsk, the boys blended together as a cohesive unit, and worked their way to the Championship Final. The other top squad

in the league--you guessed it--were the Yankees. Led by first baseman/outfielder Sean Biondic's clutch 3-for-3 hitting and Pat Kustok's timely defense, the D-Backs sprinted to a convincing 14-2 triumph over the Yankees.

When asked how he felt about his team's accomplishments, Coach Kustok commented, "It's a really nice feeling. In fact, it's a great feeling to win it all. I had a great group of boys and great coaches, too. It was a super season."

Three teams, three ultimate victories. Whether accomplished on the national stage or at the local level, these baseball teams are to be saluted for their achievements. Congratulations to all those who shared in the victories. May you savor the taste of those wins for a long, long time and may those happy memories stay with you forever.

## CSCC launches newly designed website

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce has announced the launch of a newly designed website, [www.chicagosouthland.com](http://www.chicagosouthland.com).

The site will support the Chamber mission to represent and promote the best interests of the regional business community and its members by working to improve the economic climate, business environment and community image of the Chicago Southland Region.

The website provides cutting edge value-added services to all members of the regional business community. Within the site are links to a Regional Profile, a Government Guide and links to 57 websites of the 71 communities that represent the region.

The website also features on-line registration and payment for upcoming events, as well as the opportunity for members to join online.

# No pork barrel politics in Moore's office

Taxpayers are often cynical of elected officials, the cry being, "they raise our taxes and waste our money." Eugene "Gene" Moore is turning the tide on such cynicism. During the last two years as Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, he has improved the revenue stream of the office: made significant capital investments in the office, digitizing the arcane microfiche, implemented and improved computerized cashing and accounting system, and is restoring the old grantee/grantor tract index system that will also be computerized.

These capital improvements and undertakings have yielded taxpayers a return on their investment. The Office of the Recorder of Deeds, under Moore, is more efficient and productive.

During the month of November 2001, his office recorded 106,908 documents, or 5,345 per day, over the 20 business days of the month. The dollar value of the recording translates to

\$3,932,493, up from last year's \$2,936,574, an in-



Eugene "Gene" Moore

crease in revenue of a million dollars. The year-to-date revenues for the current year will exceed last year by 9.5 million dollars. The office is projecting recordings by year-end to exceed 1.25 million documents or \$52.4 million in total revenue. The aforementioned revenue is the result of the efficient and productive environment in which the office now operates.

# Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce's hosts 56th Annual Dinner

Tickets are available for the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce's 56th Annual Installation Dinner, which will be held January 19, 2002 at the Hilton of Oak Lawn, at 9333 S. Cicero Avenue. A cocktail reception will begin promptly in the Grand Ballroom at 6:30 pm, followed by an installation program of board members at 7:30 pm, and a dinner at 8pm. A sweet table will tempt guests at 10 pm. Music for dinner and dancing will be provided by the Nightshift Orchestra.

According to Joan Kennedy, the Chamber's executive director, the event is black-tie optional, and tickets are being sold for \$55 per person at the Chamber's office at 5314 W. 95th Street.

Pat Niehaus of the Oak Lawn care Station will be inducted as the new president of the Chamber's Board of Directors, replacing Chuck

DiNolfo of Century 21 ProTeam. The first vice president will be David Kobak of Blake Lamb Funeral Home. The second vice president will be Anne Marie Casey of Annie's Ltd. The secretary will be Jack Baker of LaSalle Bank, and the treasurer will be Leo Gutchewsky of Century 21 Accent/Homelanders.

Other members of the Board of Directors of 2002 will be: Brian Anderson, Conrad Berkin, Rebecca Bratner, Jay Broutman, Bill Brouwer, Dr. Sandra Bury, Joann Buschbach, George Cachares, Nicole Castagna, Sal Cruillione, Bob Kuenster, John Lockie, Irene Lvitt, Helen Makina, Rhonda Martin, Noreen Mikols, David Milavickas, Gene Mondello, Linda Olsen, Dan Perrino, Peter Shwartz, Don Sharko, A.G. Edwards, Mark Wojack, and Joyce Woytek.



# Judge Harris speaks to Lions Club

Judge Sheldon A. Harris, of the Circuit Court of Cook County, will speak before the Beverly Ridge Lions Club on Thursday, January 3, following a 12 noon lunch in the Beverly Woods Restaurant, 11532 S. Western Avenue.

Bob Olszewski, coordinator, announced the judge will share his expertise on the court system.

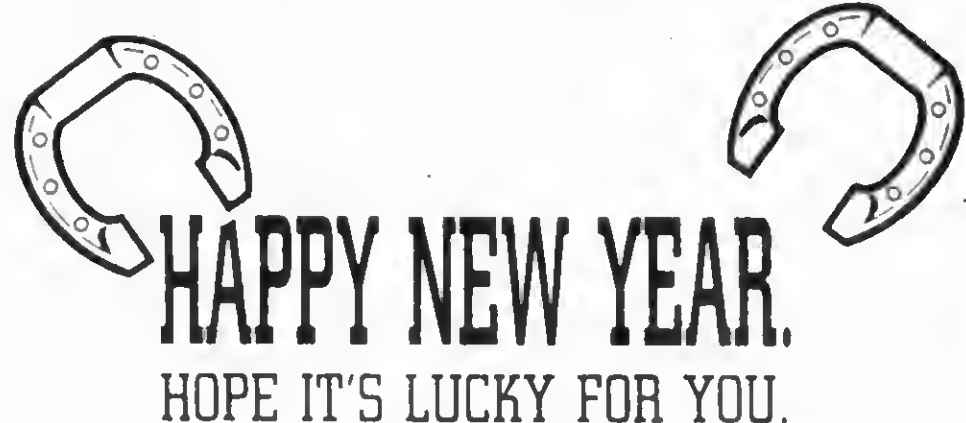
Currently he presides as Judge of Supplementary Proceeding-Miscellaneous Remedies at the Daley Center. On April 1, 2000, the Illinois Supreme Court appointed Harris to fill a vacancy. He has proven himself an outstanding judge.

Judge Harris attended the University of Illinois and John Marshall Law School. He has a Juris Doctor Degree and is an American Jurisprudence Award recipient.

# Garden Club donates to Project Protect

Instead of a Christmas gift exchange, the members of the Southside Garden Novices voted unanimously to donate funds to project P.R.O.T.E.C.T. (Promoting Responsibility and Obligation to Enhance Community Togetherness)

During their general meeting on January 8th at 7pm in the Chicago Ridge Village Hall, Club President Rosemary Stanton will present a check to Chicago Ridge Police Chief Tim Balderman, who initiated the Project to aid the needy in the community.



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# Letters to Editor

Dear Editor,

The Christmas Season is meant to be a time of renewal as we remember the birth of baby Jesus. What a wonderful gift is the birth of a child. Unfortunately, not everyone respects new life as evidenced by abortion and cloning.

We cannot forget the pain and sorrow we felt when our fellow Americans lost their lives on September 11. It took a tragedy to make us realize that we need one another. It also made us realize that life is precious and short.

Here it is 2002! It seems like yesterday we were apprehensive about ringing in the year 2000. 2001 certainly taught us a hard lesson, but Americans are survivors.

It is again time to make those New Year Resolutions. I hope respect for human life

and all other species will be on everyone's list. If we are to be successful in our quest for world peace, we must respect ourselves as well as others. I, also, hope peace will come to all those who lost their loved ones on September 11 and all of the firefighters, police officers and other rescue workers. Out of these tragic events came a spirit of unity throughout the country. I hope all the families will find solace in the knowledge that goodness was derived out of the brutal attacks on America and its people. We, as fellow Americans, will remember the families and their loved ones. There will always be a special place in our hearts for all of them.

Let us continue to spread our good will towards everyone. Let us be realistic in what is important in this life. Peace, Joy and Love to all in 2002!

Thank you,  
Marlene Jeziorski,  
Oak Lawn

## Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirity  
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### NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS - 2001

Once again, it's out with old and in with the new; and we count down the remaining days left on this year's calendar. I wonder how many New Year's resolutions will be different from what they would have been - if not for the September 11th terrorist attacks on our country's freedom.

Oh sure, the good predictable staples will still be sought after. For anyone struggling with food and nicotine addiction, resolutions to lose weight and quit smoking will be the main obstacles to overcome, as they are every year. Those were always my two tried and true resolutions, until I finally snuffed out the smoking habit in '87. Now, it's automatic that I vow to shed the extra pounds that have been consistently adding up from one new year to the next.

The events leading up to the end of 2001 have given us all good reason

to look deep inside ourselves, to live better, fuller lives, in the wake of bitter turmoil.

Ironically, it's the tear-stained tragedies of September 11th that have opened our eyes to a clearer vision of what is truly important in our lives.

The half-crocheted afghan that sits next to a stack of newspapers, that have yet to be read, use to be a cause for great frustration to me as I'd curse a hectic schedule that didn't allow much time for favorite pastimes.

Pre-September 11th, I'd wake up to the 6:am alarm buzzing in my ear, and I'd slam down the snooze button no less than 5 times before begrudgingly greeting the day with a heavy dose of grunts and groans.

That seems like such a long time ago to me now. Nothing has changed and yet everything has changed. Basically, we are still the same people we were before the vicious attacks - but somehow, through all the chaos, we have been transformed. Things that may have held some sense of importance to us at the beginning of this year, seem a bit frivolous and foolish to us at year's end. We will be ringing in the New Year in a world much different from the one we

lived in a year ago.

We have cried the tears of heartbreak for this country that we so deeply love - and yet, out of the rubble of war and destruction, we have dug deep within our souls to find overwhelming strength and courage in that very love.

This year there will be a few more additions to my wish list of New Year's resolutions. I am going to keep a few inspiring truths in the forefront of my mind in the coming year. I am going to keep in mind, the saying; "If you can dream it you can achieve it" - and I'll believe it as I promise myself I'll put serious effort into publishing that book I've been working on.

In the aftermath of the September 11th catastrophe, I am going to worry less about the things in life I have no control over anyway, and put more energy in making the most of what I've got. And I will remember that it really is the journey that means the most, on the road of life's travels, not the destination. I will come to appreciate that there will always be an unfinished afghan to be

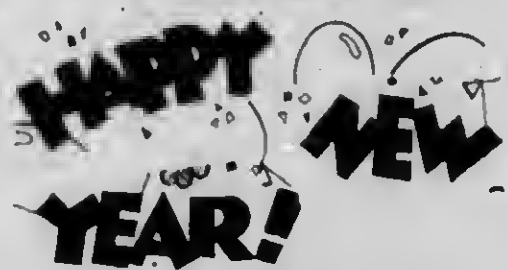
worked on, or unread newspapers stacked on a shelf somewhere in my not so perfect life. I've got my work cut out for me.

Eat less, listen more to my heart, enjoy the simple things in life, and take time to smell the flowers along the way. This is where my resolutions lie.

We're ending this year on a sour note, with no idea of how the future will be played out - but it's up to us to fill our voices with a sweet song of thanks for all that is ours to cherish.

Speaking of being thankful - - thanks to you, the readers, who have taken the time to keep in touch over the years, either to express an opinion or to share words of encouragement and support. I am so very grateful for the opportunity to share this column with you. I sincerely thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for all your kindness.

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## ★ ★ ★ MILITARY NEWS ★ ★ ★



Airman Dominik Salamon



Air Force Airman Dominik Salamon has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, customs, performed drills and ceremony marches, and received special physical and human relations training.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate

degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Salamon is the son of Ewa and Jozef Salamon of Burbank, and is a 2001 graduate of St. Laurence High School.



Army Spec. Jeffrey Dichter has arrived for duty at the Vilseck-Grafendorfer Military Community in Germany.

Dichter is a light-wheel mechanic assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor in Vilseck.

He is the son of Robyn and the stepson of Ron Brzenski of Oak Lawn.



Air Force Airman Demetrius Wofford has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

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the Air Force Mission, organization and customs, performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical and human relations training.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Brenda Wofford of Stuttgart, Arkansas, and the grandson of Lola Pennington of Chicago, Illinois. He is a 2001 graduate of Stuttgart High School.

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## Judge Harris speaks at Kiwanis Meeting

At the December 13 dinner meeting of the Oak Lawn Kiwanis, Judge Sheldon Harris, with the Circuit Court of Cook County, was guest speaker. He explained "The Court System", with a question and answer period following.

The meeting was held at the Old Barn Restaurant, 8100 S. Parkside in Burbank.

Pictured from the left is Harold Miller, president; Judge Harris, and Judy Gonsch, program chairman.

## Terrorism experts to speak at luncheon

Thomas J. Van Nuys of the FBI and Lt. Gen. Warren D. Johnson (USAF Ret.), former head of the Nuclear Defense Agency, will speak at the Regional Consensus Luncheon on Monday, January 14th, 2002, at the Holiday Inn Matteson Hotel and Conference Center.

Van Nuys and Johnson will discuss the myths and realities associated with biological and chemical weapons and how to prepare for a disaster in the workplace.

Van Nuys is a supervisory special agent for the Chicago Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. His responsibilities include domestic terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, hate crimes and civil rights matter. He joined the FBI in August 1988 after receiving a juris doctorate from Kent College

of Law.

Johnson is knowledgeable on disaster preparedness and headed the task force prepared recommendations for a cabinet level position on homeland security several years ago. Johnson was also involved with the National Command Authority's preparation for cataclysmic events.

Cost of the luncheon program, which begins with a reception at 11:30 a.m. followed by the luncheon at 12 noon, is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. The program will commence at 12:30 p.m., with adjournment at 1:00 p.m. The event is open to the business community. For registration, or further information, contact the Chamber office at (708) 957-6950 or visit the website [www.chicagosouthland.com](http://www.chicagosouthland.com).

## Megamix Joseph at the Royal George

Thanks to overwhelming audience and critical acclaim, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - the Megamix Version* will extend its run at the Royal George Theater, 1641 N. Halsted Street, through Sunday, February 3, 2002. Tickets for the show range in price from \$38.50-\$48.50.

The new block of tickets are now on sale at the Royal George Theater Box Office, by calling 312/988-9000, at all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers, or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Discounts for groups of 20 or more are available by call 312/977-1710.

"Joseph" began on October 26 and features a cast of 19, led by Broadway's Brian Lane Green as Joseph. In addition, Chicago's Alexander Graham Bell Choir performs as the on-stage children's chorus.

For more information, please call 312/988-9000.

## Catholic Schools Opposing Racism honored

Catholic Schools Opposing Racism (COR) has been selected as the recipient of the 2002 Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Common Ground Award given by the Archdiocese of Chicago Priests (ACP).

The Common Ground Award has been bestowed each year since 1997 on a group or individual who has fostered understanding and common ground within the archdiocese. Rev. Larry Dowling, pastor of St. Denis Parish in Chicago, nominated COR for the award.

"COR exemplifies what the Cardinal Bernardin Award is all about--bringing people together," said Father Dowling. "I've seen COR in action and really appreciate the spirit that is there. The wonderful work COR does with teens and the issue of

racism needs to be highlighted."

COR will be honored with the Common Ground Award on Sunday, February 10, 2002 at the ACP's annual Mardi Gras celebration at Queen of All Saints Basilica in Chicago.

## De La Salle Hosts Soccer Tournament for 7th & 8th Graders

De LaSalle High School at 3455 S. Wabash Avenue will host a 3 on 3 Indoor Soccer Tournament for 7th and 8th grade boys on Thursday, January 3 from 1-3 p.m..

Warmups and registration begin at 12:15 p.m.. There is no entry fee, and prizes will be awarded to the top TWO teams.

To reserve your team's spot, contact Coach Tom Dufficy at 312/842-7355 ex. 203.

## Seminar to help retirees

Many retirees routinely make financial mistakes that cost them thousands of unnecessary dollars each year.

Most people are startled to find that there are now more Americans over age 65 than there are teenagers and that the fastest growing segment in the US is age 85 and older. The bad news is that for a couple turning age 65, there is a 75% chance that one of them will need long-term care, and 50% of all couples are impoverished within 6 months after one spouse is admitted to a nursing home.

John E. Utz, Attorney, is sponsoring an event to educate, "10 Costly Financial Mistakes Almost All Retirees Make & Simple Ways to Avoid Them" on Wednesday, January 16, 2002 at The Old Barn Restaurant in Burbank at 8100 S. Parkside Avenue. It begins at 4:30 p.m. and concludes 76 minutes later, after which a complimentary dinner will be served. Tickets are free, but reservation is required. Please call 1-800-532-4268 option 3.

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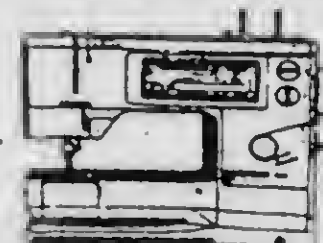
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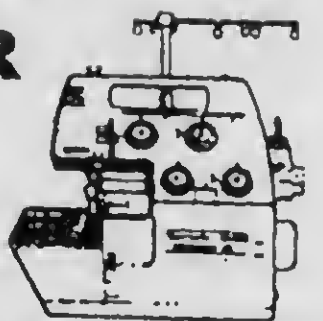
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# Chicago Southland gives grants to non-profit groups

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau recently awarded three local tourism grants to Southland municipal and not-for-profit organizations, designed to further their event marketing efforts targeted to visitors outside the region.

However, due to statewide budgetary constraints resulting in a 21% cut in the Chicago Southland and Visitors Bureau's budget, the three grant applications for the FY02 second grant cycle were each awarded \$1,000. The Bureau froze grant funding for the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2002, and the third grant cycle has been suspended.

"The local grant program really stretches the marketing dollars of our municipal and non-profit partners," said Bureau President/CEO Jim

Garrett. "The grants help attract outside visitors to the Chicago Southland, which has a positive impact on our local economy."

Grant recipients in the bureau's second grant cycle were:

The Homewood Flossmoor Park District Ice Arena's Ice Skating Institute (ISI) Open Team Competition: Now in its 23rd year, the ISI competition is a 3-day event that promotes ice skating to participants of all ages. The \$1,000 grant will be used for a portion of the cost of printing a 4-color brochure and an ad in Recreational Ice Skating magazine to encourage out of town visitors to attend the event.

Freedom Hall in Park Forest: Now in its 25th season of presenting performing arts events, Freedom Hall will use the \$1,000 grant to fund

a portion of the cost of advertising in the Chicago Reader and the Reader's Guide, plus the development of a new website and the printing of the Freedom Hall brochure "Accents".

The United Way of Greater Chicago Heights "5k for United Way": The grant will cover \$1,000 of the cost for advertising in Chicago's Amateur Athlete, the Chicago Reader and the Reader's Guide, plus a website update to include hotel packages, and design and printing of the race brochure.

For more information about the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau's Local Tourism Grant program, call Kim Kislowksi, Marketing Manager and director of the Local Grant Program, at 708-895-8200.



Oak Lawn businesswoman and resident Hilda Breuer, with Director Father Vincent Zarlenga of River Forest.

## Fra Angelico Art Foundation hosts antique show

The Fra Angelico Art Foundation will host an Antique Show on January 11, 12, and 13, 2002 at the Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace, with the Sixth Annual Breakfast Antique Workshop on January 12.

The Foundation holds this once a year fund raiser for development of spiritual art works of today and to inspire young artists to produce works of spiritual nature.

The foundation also holds a yearly art contest for college students. This year, the event will be held at Gallery 37 in Chicago on June 21-July 19.

Please visit the foundation's website at [www.angelicart.com](http://www.angelicart.com) for information about other events and programs, or call 708/771-0740.

## Beverly Montessori School celebrates 35th anniversary

Beverly Montessori School will be celebrating its 35-year anniversary in 2002. In honor of this special accomplishment, Beverly Montessori school will host its annual fundraiser on Friday, November 15th, 2002 at the Hilton Oak lawn and conference Center.

The school would like to acknowledge alumni and their children who have attended the school by creating a collage of pictures that will be displayed at the fundraiser. Anyone who has attended the school and would like to participate in the collage should send 2 non-returnable, snapshot sized photos, one from the time of attendance of Beverly Montessori School and one from the present time, including a name and a one line biography of what they are doing now. This could be grammar school, high school, or college information, marriage, children, occupation, or any other facts one would like to include. If the alumni member has children who attended Beverly Montessori, the school requests they include a photo

of themselves with the child/children.

All pictures should be sent to Beverly Montessori School c/o Linda Budewitz at 9916 S. Walden Pkwy., Chicago, IL 60643. For more information, call (773) 237635

## Bank Calumet hosts business after hours

Bank Calumet, 1030 Dixie Hwy, Chicago Heights, will host the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours on Wednesday, January 16, 2002, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Bank Calumet operates from 26 locations in Illinois and Indiana with 394 employees.

Admission cost to the BAH, which is open to the business community, is \$5 for Chamber members and \$10 for non-members. Admission fee is payable at the door.

For more information contact the Chamber office at (708) 957-6950 or visit the website at [www.chicago-southland.com](http://www.chicago-southland.com).

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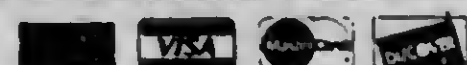
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## Students complete G.R.E.A.T. Program

More than 50 students from Jaqueline B. Kennedy School in Burbank recently completed the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program, according to the office of Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan.

The students participated in a 13-week program that is designed to decrease gang violence by giving the students the tools they need to avoid gang involvement. The program is designed to develop the students into responsible members of the community by teaching them to set goals for themselves, resist peer pressure, learn how to resolve conflicts in a nonviolent manner and understand how gangs can negatively impact their quality of life.

The program was originally developed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, but is conducted locally by the Cook County Sheriff's Office.

## Queen of Peace hosts Open House on January 7th

Queen of Peace High School in Burbank invites junior high school students and their families to Open House on Monday, January 7 at 7pm.

Visitors will learn about the challenging college preparatory curriculum and leadership opportunities available to all Peace students.

Tours will visit Peace's state-of-the-art science labs and computer centers, classrooms, and the technology-enriched library. Performances by the national award-winning Chamber singers and the Peace Dance Company will also be featured.

Queen of Peace High School is celebrating a rich tradition of 40 years of educating young women. The school is located at 7659 Linder. Please contact Mary Annemio at 708/458-7600 for more information.

## St. Xavier to build Orland Park campus

Saint Xavier University recently announced plans to build a new South Campus in Orland Park. This new facility, which will open fall 2003, will fill the need in Chicago's south suburbs for adult, graduate and professional education.

The 30,000 square-foot, single-story building will accommodate up to 500 students at a time. It will include 15 classrooms, three labs, cafe with wireless computer capability, space for academic institutes, a bookstore, library and technology center, and support offices for a total cost of \$7.75 million.

"The South Campus will provide quality programs in a state of the art facility conveniently for area residents," said Dr. Robert Hansen, Executive Director of Off-Campus & South Campus Programs.

The Stump family donated nearly 25 acres of land to the University. Mary O'Malley, the Stump's daughter and wife of State Senator Patrick O'Malley, is an alumni of Saint Xavier.

## Moraine offers new Microsoft Certification

Moraine Valley Community College offers the training you need to become a recognized Microsoft Office User Specialist (MOUS). This certification is the global standard for desktop productivity. It provides a reliable measure of technical expertise by evaluating a candidate's ability to use the features within the Microsoft Office applications.

"Most companies are going with Microsoft Office as their software package," said Moraine student Randy Kumpf, who has earned MOUS certification and is working as a PC support specialist at IVEX Corporation. "Getting the certification gives you an edge."

Please call 708/974-5463 for more information.

## Moraine one of the fastest growing community colleges

Moraine Valley ranks in the top third of the fastest growing community colleges in the nation.

The college is 33rd among two-year institutions with more than 10,000 students, according to a special report in the December 10 issue of *Community College Week*. The ranking was based on enrollment from 1994 to 1999. Moraine Valley grew by 5% over this five-year period.

"We are extremely pleased that Moraine continues to be the college of choice for our community members," President Vernon Crowley said. "We are meeting our mission of providing an accessible, affordable environment for learning that promotes quality in education and excellence in service."



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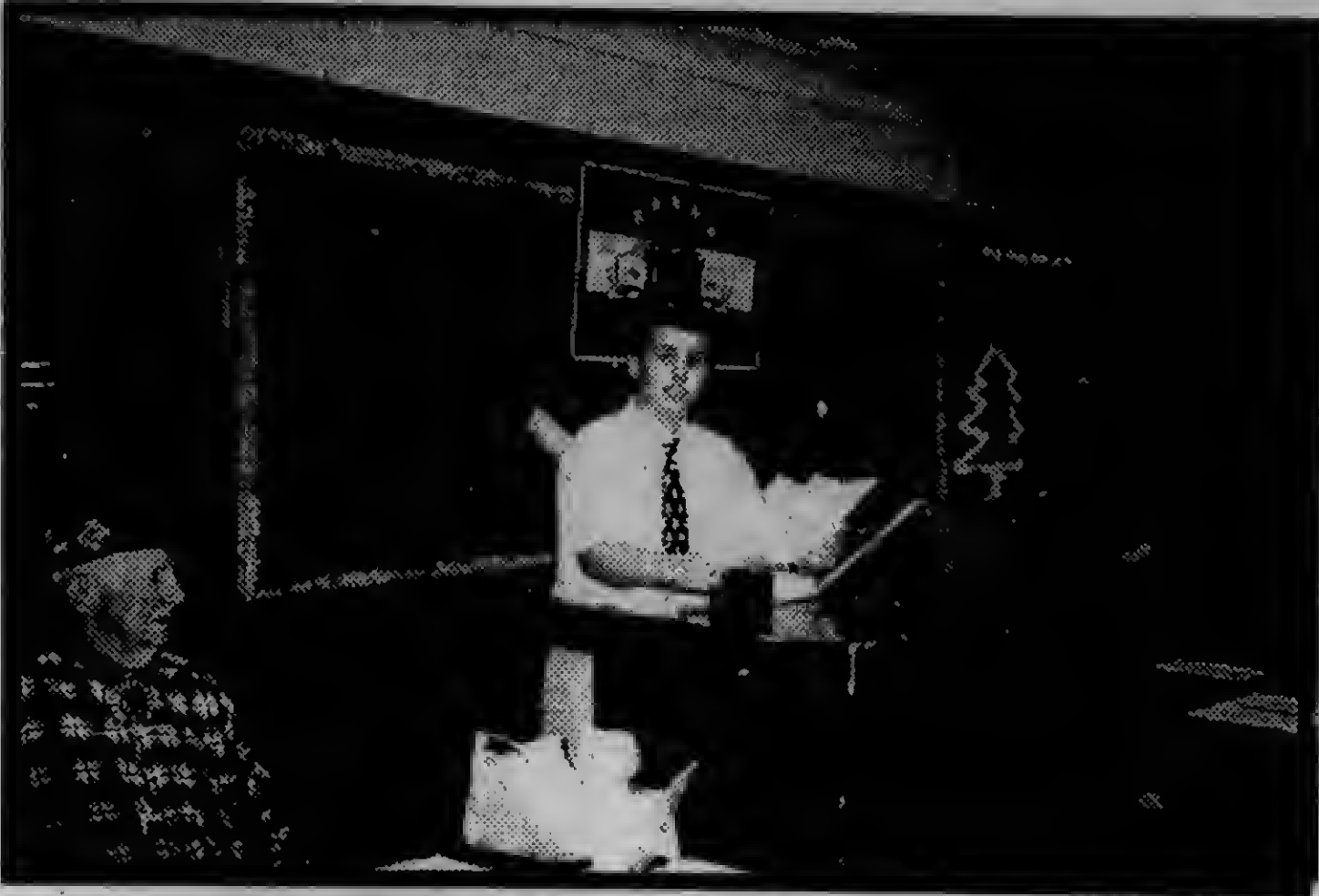
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Pictured are Stanley Janners, Post Adjutant., Brian Dakuras, and Post Commander Ralph Buglio.

## Brother Rice student wins speechwriting contest

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 177, located in Chicago Ridge, sponsored a VFW Voice of Democracy Contest in area schools. Each school winner was awarded a \$100 US Savings Bond at individual school ceremonies.

The School winner, of Brother Rice High School, is Brian T. Dakuras. The presentation ceremony was held at a Post meeting on December 12, 2001. Brian read his winning speech before post members and received his \$100 US Savings Bond.

He will go on to compete with other 3rd District school winners for other awards on January 13, 2002.



## Stillman replaces Paplauski in District 218

Mike Stillman, a resident of Oak Lawn, was appointed to the Board of Education of Community High School District 218 on Wednesday, December 5.

Stillman replaces Richard Paplauski, who resigned in November because he and his family have moved out of District 218.

Stillman is an attorney. He and his wife, Denise,

have two children, Claire and John.

Stillman has a bachelor's degree from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois and a law degree from DePaul University in Chicago.



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Hon. Stuart Nudelman (left), incoming president, Illinois Judges Association; Larry Smith, an attorney who is active in the Illinois State Bar Association's Traffic Laws & Courts Section Council; Marti Belluschi, former assistant to the Secretary of State for DUI Prevention and former executive director of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) in Illinois, and Hon. Patrick E. McGann, former supervising judge, Chicago Traffic Center are pictured with Bogan High School student Sheena McReynolds (far right).

## New drunk driving program emphasizes consequences

Statistics show that car crashes are the leading cause of death among teenagers and that a 16-year old driver has three times the crash risk of an 18-year old. Each year, 2000 teens are killed in alcohol-related crashes, with nearly 100 of those fatalities occurring in Illinois. During a typical weekend, an average of one teenager dies each hour in a car crash. Nearly 50% of those crashes involve alcohol.

In an effort to combat this serious problem facing youths, the Illinois Judges Association (IJA), with the help of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) and the Illinois Board of Education, has launched a new statewide program to help better prepare adolescents for the con-

sequences they face from risky and illegal behavior behind the wheel.

The program, titled *You Drink & Drive. You Lose*, targets 15 year olds, a group eager to gain the independence and freedom associated with having a driver's license, and provides them with a hard-hitting message about the importance of safe driving and the serious legal responsibility a driver's license represents.

The program features a panel of experts who deliver information about the law that "if they even drink a drop and drive, and are caught, their driver's license is suspended." To emphasize the message, a compelling first-person experience is shared by a DUI crash victim and/

or offender.

At the Chicago launch at Bogan High School on December 4, ISBA member and attorney Larry Smith spoke about his experiences representing the offenders in DUI crashes. Marti Belluschi, former assistant to the Secretary of State for DUI Prevention and former executive Director of Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Illinois, shared her gut-wrenching, life-altering experience of being gravely injured at age 15 by a drunk driver.

The State Board of Education's role is helping to facilitate future sessions in schools throughout Illinois. Please call the IJA at 312/431-1283 for more information.

## Drug Free Illinois Workplace forum

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce and Prairie State College will present a human resource forum, "Drug-Free Illinois Workplace" on Tuesday, Jan. 15th, 2002, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Matteson.

Gloria Guy, the Director of

Communications and Marketing for the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, and William J. Judge, an expert in workplace drug research, consultation, litigation assistance and management training on legal issues concerning substance abuse, with particular reference to employee/employer relationships.

Cost of the program, which is open to the business community, is \$21 for Chamber members and \$26 for non members. For more informa-

tion contact the Chamber office at (708) 957-6950 or visit the website at [www.chicagosouthland.com](http://www.chicagosouthland.com).







## Toy Story 2 On Ice comes to Chicago

Tickets are now on sale for a brand new production of Disney on Ice, as toy favorites Woody and Buzz Lightyear return to star in Disney/Pixar's *Toy Story 2*. This all-new comedy-action-adventure ice show has all the favorite characters from the first film--Woody, Buzz, Rex, Bo Peep, Hamm, Slinky Dog, and the Green Army Men--and welcomes new friends: Jessie, Bullseye and the Prospector. The show opens at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, January 23-27, and then it heads to Chicago's United Center January 29-February 10.

The show begins on a distant alien planet as Mickey, Minnie, Donald and Goofy, decked out in astronaut attire, introduce the story. Just as

Mickey and his gang depart, Buzz enters to battle his arch-nemesis, the dark-helmeted, Evil Emperor Zurg. The accompanying alien forms, laser lights, and pyrotechnics are just the beginning of the fun. Other fantastic special events include a sixteen car pileup and the lowering of a giant airplane landing gear from the arena ceiling!

In Andy's room, the toys fly into a panic when they discover Andy's mom is planning a yard sale. Wheezy the Penguin is up for sale, but Sheriff Woody saves him. In doing so, Woody puts himself in danger and winds up abducted by Big Al, the nefarious proprietor of Al's Toy Barn. At Big Al's apartment, Woody meets some other collectible toys: Jessie, the Prospector, and

Bullseye. Turns out they're all old friends from "Woody's Roundup", a 1950's children's television show.

"Our latest production manages to explore some very profound issues of friendship, loyalty, and identity," says Jerry Bilik, vice president of creative development for Feld Entertainment.

Tickets may be purchased at the Allstate Arena box office or the United Center box office, and at all Ticketmaster locations. You can order tickets by phone, at 312/559-1212, or purchase online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Tickets are \$10.75, \$17.75 and \$22.75, with a limited number of \$50 VIP seats available.



Pictured here are the students along with Fure and Crean (far right, standing): Paul Grajek, Justice; Mike Bartgen, Clearing/Chicago; Ryan Martin, Brookfield; Pat Flores-Muller, Blue Island; Tony Petrouski, Burbank; Joyce Hrdlicka, Chicago; Angie Frazzini, Chicago; Katie Carlin, Chicago; Lisa Hercog, Burbank; and Michelle Barder, Chicago.

## St. Laurence sponsors songwriting workshop

St. Laurence High School sponsored a two day song writing workshop for the students of St. Laurence and Queen of Peace High Schools. The workshop, which took place on a Saturday and Monday, brought 16 students together under the direction of Tret Fure of

Madison, Wisconsin. Fure is a recording artist, noted song writer and the first woman sound engineer. She has performed in every state in the U.S. and in Russia. The students also worked with Ross Crean, composer and musical performer who teaches voice. The two days concen-

trated on music theory, lyric writing and critiques of work done in the workshop by the students. The students now plan to continue their work in song writing circles which will carry on the efforts of their two days of concentrated musical experience.



## Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra has "Festivals in Music" concert

*It's a festival of Sounds!* The 75-member Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra, led by Maestro Carmon DeLeone, opens its 2002 season with a spectacular symphony concert titled *Festivals in Music*. This magnificent concert showcases Shostakovich's glorious *Festive Overture* and Respighi's beautiful orchestral tone painting *Feste Romane*. In addition, the Orchestra's concertmaster Hal Grossman and principal violist Mathew Mantell will perform Mozart's beautifully crafted double concerto, *Sinfonia Concertante*.

Sponsored by the Ford Motor Company Community Relations Committee and Van Drunen Ford, the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra concert begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2002 at

the Center for Performing Arts, Governors State University in University Park. Tickets are \$24, \$30, \$39 and \$60 and are available by calling the IPO box office at 708/481-7774. All major credit cards accepted.

Concert-goers are invited to come early at 7:15 p.m. to learn about the composers and their music at a free pre-concert discussion with Cedric Hampton, director of the center for Arts & Humanities of Northside Preparatory High School.

Stay late and celebrate with the IPO! The IPO hosts an elegant post-concert reception in the Hall of Governors immediately following the concert. Tickets for the reception are \$25 per person and may be reserved by calling the IPO box office.

## Founders Bank uses cell phones to help violence victims

Founders Bank is campaigning to collect old wireless phones to aid victims of domestic violence. The program "Donate a Phone" was started by the Wireless Foundation, Motorola and National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The cell and wireless phones provide a link to 911 emergency services as well as the nearest shelter after they are repaired and reconditioned by Motorola. The phones are then donated to women who have been victims of domestic abuse through the wireless foundation. To date, thousands of people across the country have donated their old and unused cell phones. Unfortunately,

there are four million domestic violence victims each year, so more phones are needed.

Founders Bank will be collecting the phones through February 14, 2002. The public may drop off their phones in the collection boxes located in the lobbies of the following bank locations:

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The culinary professionals at Pioneer Brand, producers of a variety of gravy mixes, have developed three new recipes that are perfect for making Soup in a Jar. Each soup mix starts with gravy mix as the soup base and then adds other savory ingredients. Holiday Split Pea Soup features celery, onion, herbs and chicken bouillon along with split peas. Creamy Wild Rice and Mushroom Soup combines white and wild rice with herbs and dried mushrooms. And Texas Two-Step Soup has just the right blend of spices with wagon-wheel pasta, onion and garlic.

The recipients of these tasty soup mixes just add water to complete the Holiday Split Pea and Creamy Wild Rice and Mushroom soups. Ground beef, tomatoes and corn are added to complete Texas Two-Step Soup.

Since it's just about as easy to make a dozen jars of soup mix as one or two, the culinary experts at Pioneer recommend purchasing a dozen pint jars (found in grocery or hardware stores) and making four jars of each of the three new soup mixes. You can make any number

## Satisfying Soup in a Jar— A Perfect Gift



of jars assembly line-fashion. Better yet, get your children to help you make your gift jars. In one evening, you may have all your Christmas preparations for your friends and co-workers completed.

Add a colorful cloth and ribbon to each jar, plus a card with the simple instructions for simmering the soup, and you've got a great gift with an average cost of about \$3.25. If you like, prepare the jars up to a month before Christmas. (Make some extras for those times when you need a gift at the last minute.) The ingredients will stay fresh tightly sealed in the jars.

After the rush of the holidays is over, your friends and acquaintances will really appreciate the homemade goodness of these savory soups. Some warm, satisfying soup will bring back the memories of the holiday season and the wonderful friends who took the time to make soup mixes as gifts.

### Creamy Wild Rice and Mushroom Soup in a Jar

*Make this smooth and satisfying soup mix to give to your loved ones—it will help to keep your relationship warm and wonderful.*

- 1 package (2.75 oz.) Pioneer Country Gravy Mix (Regular or No-Fat)
- 1 tablespoon chicken bouillon granules
- 2 teaspoons dried minced onion
- 2 teaspoons dried celery flakes
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1/4 cup uncooked wild rice
- 1 cup uncooked white rice
- 2 tablespoons coarsely chopped dried mushrooms (shiitake, chanterelle or oyster)\*

Pour gravy mix into wide-mouth pint jar. In small bowl, stir together bouillon granules, onion, celery and parsley. Pour into jar to make

second layer. Add layers of wild rice, white rice and mushrooms. Seal with lid. Attach gift tag (below) and decorate jar as desired.

**Gift Tag:** Empty contents of jar into a large saucepan or Dutch oven. Add 7 cups water; heat to boiling. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 25 to 30 minutes or until rice is tender, stirring occasionally. Garnish with chopped fresh parsley. Makes 6 servings.

\*You can find dried mushrooms in the produce section of your grocery store.

### Texas Two-Step Soup in a Jar

*If you're trying to out-step your neighbors with gift-giving this year, make this tasty and attractive soup mix.*

- 1 package (1.61 oz.) Pioneer Brown Gravy Mix (Regular or No-Fat)
- 2 tablespoons mild red chili powder
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano leaves
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin (optional)
- 1 teaspoon dried minced onion
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 10 to 12 regular-size tortilla chips, coarsely crushed
- 1 to 1 1/4 cups uncooked small to medium-size pasta (such as wheels, shells, macaroni)

Pour gravy mix into wide-mouth pint jar. In small bowl, stir together chili powder, oregano, cumin, onion and garlic salt. Pour into jar to make second layer. Add layers of tortilla chips and pasta to fill jar. Seal with lid. Attach gift tag (below) and decorate jar as desired.

**Gift Tag:** Brown 1/2 lb. ground beef in a large saucepan or Dutch oven. Add contents of jar and 7 cups water; heat to boiling. Stir in 1 can (15 oz.) corn with red and green bell peppers and 1 can (16 oz.) chopped tomatoes. Reduce heat;

cover and simmer for 20 to 25 minutes or until pasta is tender, stirring occasionally. Serve with crushed tortilla chips and shredded Monterey Jack cheese, if desired. Makes 8 servings.

### Holiday Split Pea Soup in a Jar

*If you're a traditionalist, make this pretty and flavorful green soup for your Christmas gifts.*

- 1 package (2.75 oz.) Pioneer Country Gravy Mix (Regular or No-Fat)
- 1 tablespoon chicken bouillon granules
- 2 teaspoons imitation bacon bits
- 2 teaspoons celery flakes
- 2 teaspoons dried minced onion
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1 1/4 cups dried split green peas
- 1 bay leaf

Pour gravy mix into wide-mouth pint jar. In small bowl stir together bouillon granules, bacon bits, celery flakes, onion and parsley flakes. Pour into jar to make second layer. Add peas; place bay leaf on top. Seal with lid. Attach gift tag (below) and decorate jar as desired.

**Gift Tag:** Empty contents of jar into large saucepan or Dutch oven. Add 6 cups water; heat to boiling, stirring often. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 1 to 1 1/2 hours or until peas are tender, stirring frequently to prevent peas from sticking. Remove bay leaf. Serve soup with dollop of sour cream and bacon bits, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

#### Tip for filling jars:

Use a funnel to pour the dry ingredients into the bottom of the jar. For more information, visit the Pioneer Brand Web site at: [www.pioneerbrand.com](http://www.pioneerbrand.com)

## Perfect Potluck Party Food



*Make this dip the night before it's needed, then "zap" it just before serving at your gathering.*

Amid the excitement of the Christmas season, our hearts are warmed by family, friends and co-workers at wintertime gatherings. What will you take to this year's holiday office potluck or family gathering? When you need an appetizer that will travel well, make Spicy Southwestern Dip. With its bold flavors and varied

textures, it's a festive hot appetizer that will start any party off on the right note.

The culinary professionals at Pioneer Brand developed this recipe with busy people in mind. This quick-to-fix layered southwestern dip can be put together the night before your gathering. Start with lean ground turkey seasoned

with taco spices and brown gravy mix; top with Mexican-style corn, black beans and salsa. Cover tightly and refrigerate. A few minutes before you're ready to serve, microwave the dip until it's hot and bubbly. Add Cheddar cheese and microwave until cheese is melted. Garnish the hot dip with a creamy cilantro sauce and chopped red and green bell peppers. Serve with tortilla chips.

For an attractive serving idea, place a microwave-safe holiday-themed container in the center of a 13x9-inch baking dish. Layer the ingredients around the small dish. After heating the dip, spoon the cilantro sauce in the center of the dish.

### Spicy Southwestern Dip

- 1 lb. extra-lean ground turkey
- 1 package (1 1/4 oz.) taco seasoning mix
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 package (1.61 oz.) Pioneer Brown Gravy Mix (Regular or No-Fat)
- 1 cup milk
- 1 can (11 or 15 oz.) corn with red and green bell peppers, drained
- 1 can (15 oz.) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup Mexican-style salsa (mild, medium or hot), drained

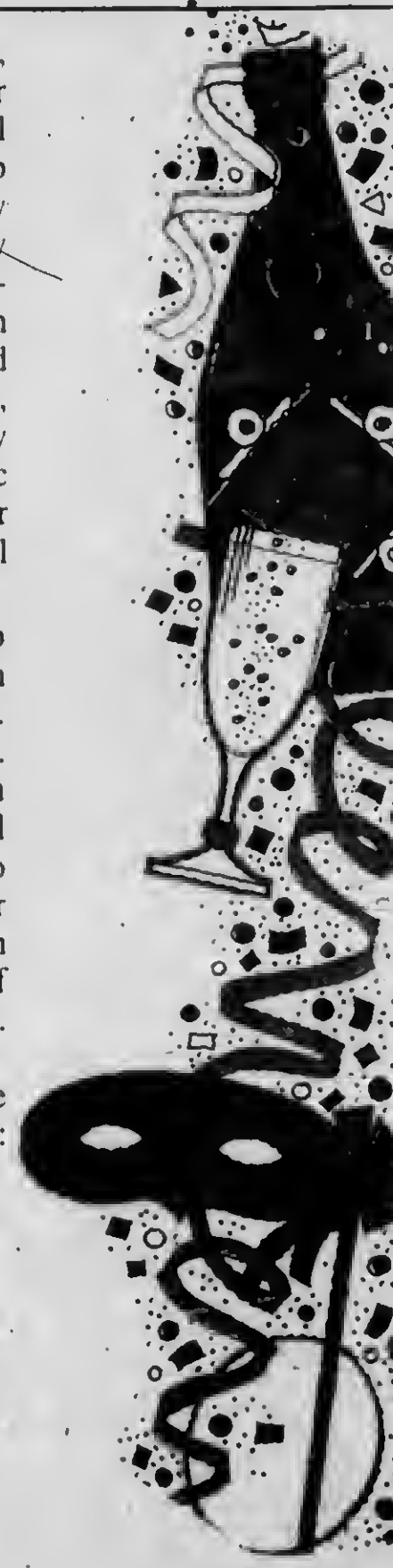
#### Cilantro Sauce:

- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (8oz.)
- Tortilla chips

In large skillet, cook and stir turkey, taco seasoning mix and water over medium heat for 5 minutes or until turkey is no longer pink. In 2-cup glass measure, stir together gravy mix and milk; add to cooked turkey mixture. Cook and stir until thickened. Pour into 13x9x2-inch microwave-safe baking dish coated with cooking spray. Layer corn, black beans and salsa over turkey mixture. Cover tightly with plastic wrap; refrigerate. Stir together sour cream and cilantro. Transfer to small dish and cover tightly; refrigerate.

At serving time, microwave dip (covered with plastic wrap) on High for 5 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Uncover; sprinkle cheese on top. Cover loosely and microwave on High 1 to 2 minutes more or until cheese is melted. Spoon cilantro sauce on top of cheese or into center decorative serving dish. Garnish with chopped red and green bell pepper, if desired. Serve with tortilla chips. Makes 16 appetizer servings.

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Bobby Anderson

## Teen puts on a "really big shoo" in "Over the Tavern"

By Joyce Macey

Bobby Anderson, 14, of Gurnee, could be every parents' dream. He is the reigning star in every sense of the word in Tom Dudzick's dramedy *Over the Tavern* now at the Mercury Theatre, 3745 N. Southport, through February 24.

Whether Anderson, portraying Rudy Pazinski, is mimicking Ed Sullivan or telling sister Clarissa why he's considering the Jewish faith for himself, it all makes for hilarious and thoughtful insight into the Pazinski family, who, by the way,

live above their own tavern.

The entire family (mom and dad played by Suellen Burton and Craig Spidle and Eddie, and Georgie played by Justin Cholewa and Ross Harris) are like fine-tuned violins as they portray the love, anger and pathos that make up the Pazinskis.

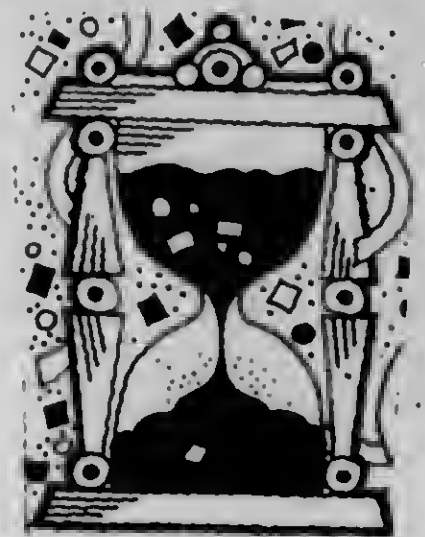
Everyone in the audience will be able to identify with someone in the cast. Also, raging with teen hormones, is Katie Korby who portrays Annie Pazinski. Equally lovable in her eccentric way is Mary Siebel as Sister Clarissa, who tries in vain to rescue Rudy's Catholic soul, without much luck, as her pupil is a free-thinker who questions even

God.

Tom Dudzick, author of "Over the Tavern", saw his show break all records when it opened in Buffalo, where it ran for two seasons. Taking directorial bows is William Pullinsi, who theatergoers will not forget as the impresario of the now-closed Candlelight Dinner Theater during its glory days.

Bobby Anderson, whose face lit up when I said I'd probably see him on the big screen when he hits Hollywood, has appeared in productions at Marriott Lincolnshire and Apple Tree Theatre. He is in 8th grade in

Gurnee and is active in church, choir, and the drama team. The boy is a natural who makes other child actors appear to need acting lessons. You'll be hearing a lot about him as the years pass. Best part, he's a normal kid, with humility thrown in for good measure.



### African-American Heritage Month - February 1-28

\*Kick off African-American Heritage Month at the Chicago Park District's South Shore Cultural Center, where visitors can experience a book fair, seminars, Gospel stage play, and concerts by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, as well as other jazz and blues performers. 312/747-2536.

\*At the DuSable Museum of African-American History, visitors can learn about the culture of African-Americans, visit the Fight to Fly: Blacks in Aviation exhibit, or view more than 100 years of visual art at the DuSable Treasures exhibit. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and students, \$1 for children 6-13, and free for children under 6. 773/947-0600.

\*The Field Museum's African Heritage Festival: Uncovering a Common History takes place on February 2-3 at 11 a.m. and February 4-5 at 10 a.m. Explore the vibrant history and culture of Africa through music, dance, hands-on activities, literature and politics. Admission to the festival is free with museum admission, which is \$8 for adults; \$4 seniors, students and children 3-11. 312/665-7400.

\*In addition, the Chicago Park District offers a variety of month-long

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### American Red Cross Seeks New Volunteers

The holiday season may be over, but the season of giving is nonstop. The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago stands ready to provide community preparedness and relief, assistance to military families, international services, and safety and health education around the clock, every day of the year. Volunteers are a criti-

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With more than 50 different volunteer opportunities, there is a place for everyone at the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago. If you would like to become a Red Cross volunteer, consider attending one of the following information sessions at the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago Community Facility at 1550 W. 88th St. in Chicago:

Saturday, January 19 from 10:00am-12pm; Wednesday, January 30 from 12-1:30pm; Wednesday, January 30 from 6-7:30 pm. Please contact Peggy Valdes at 773/238-3057 for more information.

### Southside Garden Novices Meeting January 8

At the January 8, 2002 meeting of the Southside Garden Novices, Debbie Cohen, an independent demonstrator of Stampin' Up will present a hands-on garden theme workshop. Several garden theme projects will be demonstrated, and the group will have a chance to create a take-home project.

Bring a blank garden journal to decorate and be prepared for a great evening of

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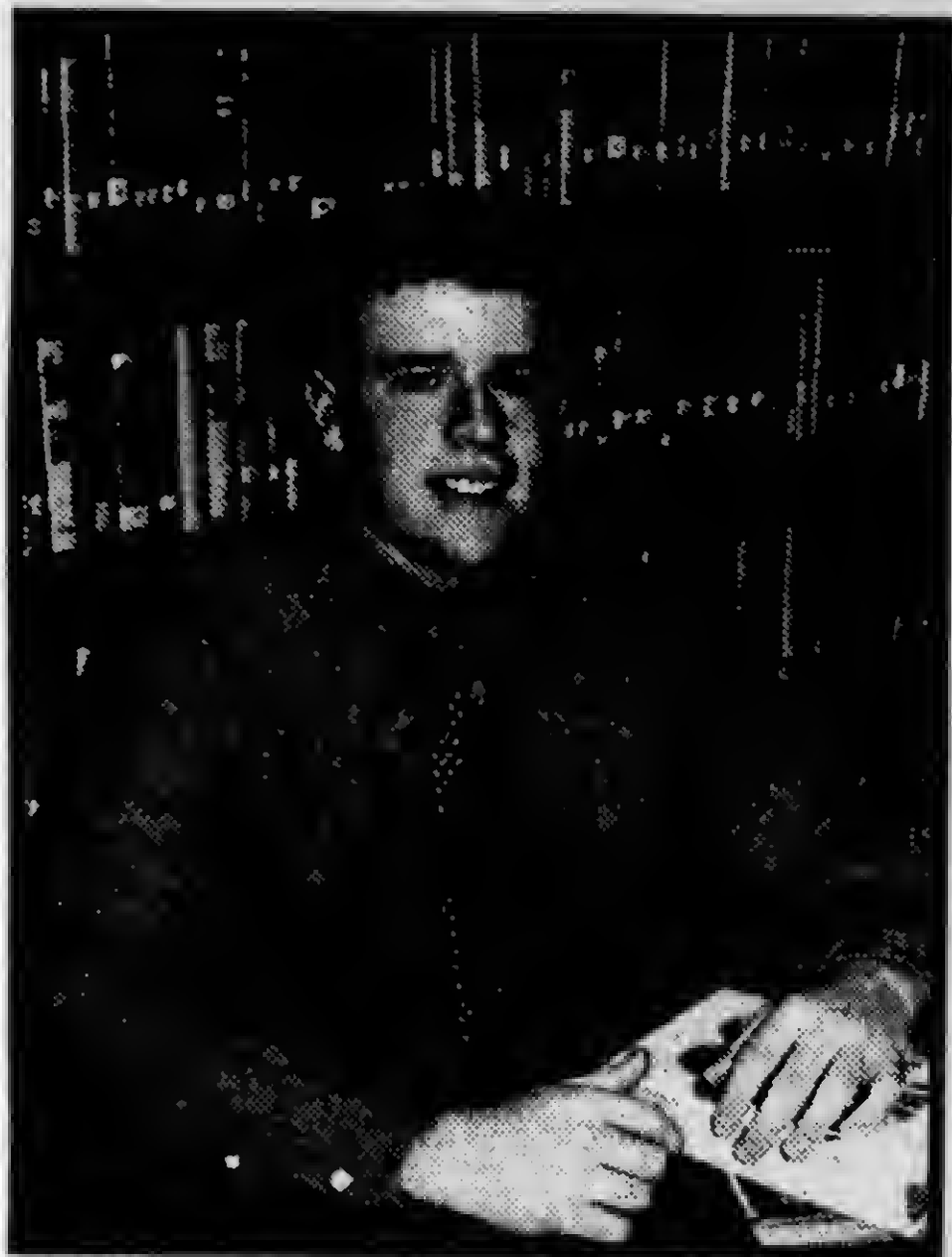
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Patrick Biernacki of Oak Lawn (above).

## St. Laurence student enters HOBY program

Patrick Biernacki of Oak Lawn has been selected as the representative for St. Laurence in the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program (HOBY). This sophomore was named after a selection process that involved writing an essay, demonstrating leadership skills, community service and a commitment to attend a HOBY seminar.

After attending the seminar, the student is eligible to attend the World Leadership Congress, an international youth event.

"Pat is a great representative of St. Laurence," said Virginia Wendel, Sophomore Guidance Counselor at St. Laurence. "His experience with the HOBY program will enhance his leadership skills and enable him to be an even more effective leader here at St. Laurence."

## Oak Lawn Library News

Preview the Cleopatra exhibit now showing at the Field Museum 7pm on Monday, January 7 at the Oak Lawn Public Library. Admission is free, with first-come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room.

Jeff Mishur, art historian, will present a slide show and lecture examining Cleopatra's historical background that gives insight into her life. Mishur is an art professor at Lewis University in Romeoville and the owner of Art Excursions, a Chicago-based lecture and tour business.

A complete schedule of adult programs offered at the Oak Lawn Public Library is available at the Community Information Centers, first floor, and at their website at [www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us](http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

The Library continues to collect used eyeglasses for VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity), a non-profit organization of volunteer optometrists who travel to underdeveloped countries to provide eye exams and glasses in poverty-stricken areas. You may drop off used eyeglasses year-round in a collection box near the library's Circulation Desk, first floor.

Since 1993, the library has collected thousands of pairs of used eyeglasses that have given the gift of sight to people around the world. The VOSH program receives no support from any government or private sources and participating optometrists pay their own travelling expenses. For information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer at 708/422-4990.

## Workshop at Hilton Oak Lawn in Feb.

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau celebrates the 10th Anniversary of local festivals and events workshop and third consecutive hosting of statewide special events network convention on February 6 and 7, 2002 at the Hilton of Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Avenue.

This regional event kicks off the 4th Annual Illinois Special Events Network Convention (ISEN), which draws festival and event planners from throughout Illinois to the Chicago Southland to discuss the state of their industry.

The Chicago Southland Festivals & Events Workshop provides regional planners with insight into the latest trends in festival planning and execution, discussion of legal and financial issues, and marketing and merchandising of festivals, fairs, car-

nivals, and special events. Discussion topics vary widely and appeal to planners involved in any stage of event planning.

A vendor expo features providers of the elements necessary to stage a successful event, including musical acts, pyrotechnic and amusement companies, insurance companies, a/v companies, portable restroom companies and much more. An entertainment showcase rounds out the workshop, where attendees enjoy refreshments while entertainers and musicians demonstrate their craft. There is also ample time for planners and vendors to exchange information and ideas.

To receive a registration brochure the event, call Kim Kisowski, Marketing Manager at CSC&VB at 888-895-8233.

## Willowbrook hosts winter dance party

Willowbrook Ballroom is the first stop on a multiple-city tour for the "Winter Dance Party 2002: A Tribute to Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and The Big Bopper". This fabulous live concert is an authentic reenactment of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper's final tour. It will take place on Saturday, January 19 at the Ballroom, 8900 S. Archer Avenue in Willow Springs. Doors open at 7pm, the show begins at 8pm.

This year's special guest performer will be Sherry Holly. Sherry is the late Buddy Holly's niece and a talented singer, with the same singing style of her legendary uncle. She continues the Holly legacy through this musical tribute.

The Winter Dance Party recreates Holly, Valens and the Bopper's final show. On February 3, 1959, the trio was tragically killed in a plane crash immediately following a Clear Lake, Iowa concert en route to their next concert in Fargo, North Dakota.

Made famous by Don McLean in the 1972 song "American Pie", the day has

become known among rock and roll fans as "the day the music died."

Once again, critically acclaimed John Mueller will portray Buddy Holly. Mueller has received numerous accolades for his accurate portrayal, including raves from Niki Sullivan, an original member of Buddy Holly's band The Crickets.

"Mueller plays Holly's songs precisely as they were written on a reissued 1957 Fender Stratocaster, the exact year and make of Holly's guitar," said Sullivan.

J.P. Richardson Jr., the Big Bopper's son, will bring the family heritage to the role of his legendary father.

Tickets are \$17.50 in advance, \$20 at the door. The show is suitable for the whole family. Portions of the proceeds will be used for music scholarships set up in the name of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and the Big Bopper.

Winter Dance Party 2002 is expected to sell out quickly. For tickets and more information, call Willowbrook Ballroom at 708/839-1000.

## Saint Xavier joins association

At their autumn meeting, the Board of Directors of the Association of American Colleges and Universities approved Saint Xavier University for membership in the organization. AAC&U is the leading national association devoted to advancing and strengthening liberal learning for all students, regardless of academic specialization or intended career. Since its founding, AAC&U's membership has grown to more than 750 accredited public and private colleges and universities of every type and size.

"Saint Xavier's membership in AAC&U shows that it is serious about liberal learning and is totally committed to quality undergraduate education," Dr. Christopher Chalokwu, Vice President of Academic Affairs said.

## Business Workshops at Moraine

Moraine Valley's Workforce Development and Community Services has scheduled two sessions of its popular "What Funding Can Do for You" workshops for Friday, January 11 and Wednesday, January 16 on the campus at the Center for Contemporary Technology, Room T-712.

Attendees can register for either the January 11 session from noon until 3pm with lunch provided; or the January 16 session from 8-11am, which includes breakfast. Both sessions are free, but reservations are required.

AAC&U functions as a catalyst and facilitator, forging links among faculty members who are engaged in institutional and curricular planning.

Call Nancy Glickman at 708/974-5386 to register.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

With normal population growth and with an influx of immigrants who drive, there is an increase in the number of unsafe vehicles and unsafe drivers on the road today. Don't drivers believe in road courtesy, or in reading and following the Rules of the Road?

If we are to make roads safe and to reduce the number of accidents and fatalities, we must do the following:

1) Keep those who have no license, an invalid license, a suspended license or an expired license from driving. This is very important. There are thousands of drivers in Illinois who continue to drive illegally. They add violations to their records and make a mockery of the court system.

2) Remove underage drivers from the road. The age to receive your driver's license should be at least 20 years old. Any one who drives should be a mature adult who can be responsible for their actions.

3) Enough has been said about the use of cell phones while driving. Their use should be banned, except for use in an emergency.

4) I don't know what can be done about road rage. Courtesy on the road is almost a lost art. Some drivers will not give way to allow another driver to safely access an expressway from on-ramps and merge lanes, or to allow a lane change even when signals are flashed.

The condition of cars on the road is getting worse every year. The state of Illinois use to have mandatory auto safety inspections, until bribery became the norm, and unsafe cars were allowed to pass. We need to return to safety inspections, but without the bribery.

Cars are on the road that are spewing out visible pollutants, even though tail pipe pollution testing was to remove these poorly maintained cars. Why aren't the owners made to repair the auto or keep it off the road?

More emphasis must be put on mass transit, before the roads become one big parking lot. I would judge that 90% of the cars on the road on a typical workday have only one passenger, the driver.

Very Truly Yours,  
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## Time to register at MVCC

Moraine Valley offers a variety of courses in many fields during the spring 2002 semester.

Courses in health information technologies included Advanced Medical Transcription, Medical Terminology, Health Information Management, and several more. The heating and air conditioning field is widely covered with courses on Air Conditioning Theory, Basic Service Procedures, Sheet Metal Hand Forming, etc. Chemistry courses include the Fundamentals of Chemistry, Chemistry (University oriented) I and II, and Organic Chemistry I & II.

Moraine Valley also offers classes to adult students who have not completed their high school educations. The GED program includes Test Preparation, Mathematical Skills and Writing Skills.

Registration is underway with classes starting the week of January 14. Tuition is \$49 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center, on campus, 10900

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Information on all classes is available in the spring 2002 class schedule or online at [www.moraine.cc.il.us](http://www.moraine.cc.il.us).

## MVCC holds casting call

A casting call goes out for Moraine Valley's production of 'The Heidi Chronicles.'

Auditions will take place at the Oremus Theater January 15-16 from 7 to 9 p.m. on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Possible callbacks may take place as early as January 18.

The cast list calls for five women and three men who play ages 16 to 40. Auditions are open (no appointment needed) with cast members performing voluntarily. Readings will be done from the script, which can be located and copied at the Library/Learning Resources Center circulation desk in Building L on the college campus.

Wendy Wasserstein won a Pulitzer Prize and a Toney Award for best play for 'The Heidi Chronicles.' She is the first woman to win the Pulitzer as the author of an

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original play. Dealing with the renovation of the roles of women from the 1960-80's, the play has won significant acclaim from critics nationwide.

Joyce Porter, Moraine Valley professor of Theater/Humanities, will direct the Moraine Valley adaptation.

Performances are scheduled from March 21-24 in the Dorothy Menker Theater on campus. For additional questions about the auditions, call Joyce Porter at (708) 974-5432. For news media inquiries, call Josh Reinhart, College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742, or email [reinhart@moraine.cc.il.us](mailto:reinhart@moraine.cc.il.us)

## CHICAGOLAND Winterfest and Ice Fishing - January 19

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# VILLAGE VIEW

All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

## Top 10 New Year's Resolutions Suggestions

Many Chicago area residents will make promises to themselves as the clock turns to a New Year. This year, the American Red Cross offers some possible resolutions revelers can add to their list.

1) **Learn to Save a Life:** Take a First Aid, CPR and AED course from your local Red Cross chapter. A few hours in class can help you save the life of a loved one, a coworker or even yourself.

2) **Become a Regular Blood Donor:** Every 10 seconds, someone needs blood for a transfusion or medical treatment. If every eligible person gave blood at least twice a year, blood shortages would be a crisis of the past.

3) **Prepare for the Unexpected:** Sit down with your family and create a Family Disaster Plan.

4) **Volunteer!** Gather a group of coworkers to join Ready When the Time Comes, a Red Cross corporate volunteer opportunity for groups to help immediately during local large-scale disasters. Call 312/729-6100.

5) **Remember a Service Person or Veteran**

6) **Protect Yourself:** The crisis of AIDS and HIV infection affects us all, so learn the facts.

7) **Get Started on Your Summer Job Early:** Take a Red Cross Lifeguarding or Babysitting class in the winter.

8) **Help a Local Fire Victim:** Contribute to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund

9) **Build a School Chest:** School supplies are a luxury that some families can't afford, build a chest of school supplies that the Red Cross will distribute.

10) **Become an advocate for Lifesaving Technology:** Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in large gathering places could save thousands of lives a year of people who suffer sudden cardiac arrest. Does your community have them?

For more information, please visit [www.chicagoredcross.org](http://www.chicagoredcross.org) or call 312/729-6100.



Maria Pappas

## Pappas running for re-election

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas has announced she will be running for re-election in the upcoming Primary March 19.

Treasurer Pappas served

## Cannella named student of the month at St. Laurence

Mr. Ken Ofiara, Chairman of the acclaimed Science Department of St. Laurence High School, recently announced the selection of senior Nick Cannella as the school's "Science Student of the Month" for November/December 2001. As the winner, he will receive a personalized certificate of accomplishment and a Laurence science department t-shirt.

Cannella, a graduate of St. Symphorosa Grade School in Chicago, was selected for his leadership in the classroom, along with excellent daily work, test results, homework assignments, and exhibiting the true spirit of science. His environmental science teacher, Mr. Chuck Zabelka, proudly nominated him for the award, saying, "He has shown academic excellence and the true leadership by his exceptional work in class."

two terms as a Cook County Commissioner.

In announcing her candidacy she stated, "My office reduced its staff by at least 30 people, at the same time increasing its sufficiency by having more work on the computers. I am proud to say there has also been more notice of delinquent taxes, reducing the number of properties sold at tax sales by 64 percent, and a much better investment of property tax funds, yielding \$63 million since 1998."

## BLOCKBUSTER@DEBUNKS NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY MYTH

Survey By Blockbuster Finds Most Revelers Think Their New Year's Eve Will be More Like "Me, Myself and Irene" Than

## Don't hibernate... participate with Chicago Winter Delights

Chicago winters no longer mean that the kids are cooped up at home. *Clown Around Town*, January 3-6, is the first of Chicago's themed Winter Delights weekends. These events offer parents and kids an opportunity to enjoy a variety of activities throughout Chicago to cure the winter blahs. *Chicago Winter Delights* is the City's annual winter-long celebration offering the best in cultural entertainment, family attractions, shopping and hospitality packages.

During the *Clown Around Town* weekend, Chicago will become a giant "circus tent", with everything from circus acts to cake decorating, to a two-day extravaganza at Navy Pier.

**Kids Weekend at Navy Pier** is sure to keep children and parents amused. This is a FREE weekend of fun with face painting, crafts, Eli's Cheesecake decorating, and more, January 5-6 from 11am-5pm.

On January 6, *Midnight Circus* will bring smiles to one and all, with unique performances that combine circus, theatre and art.

"Chicago is such an amazing city year-round, and we want people to remember that festivals and activities don't end in the summer," said Jim Law, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Special Events. "*Clown Around Town* is a great opportunity for parents and kids to get out of the house. The weekend is filled with activities to get rid of cabin fever."

The complete lineup of weekend *Chicago Winter Delights* activities includes *Clown Around Town* (January 3-6), *Stir it Up* (January 10-13), *Paint the Town Blues* (January 17-20), *Play it Cool* (January 24-27), *Let's Dance* (January 31-February 3), *Auto Motives* (February 7-10), *Embrace Opera* (February 14-18), *Act on It* (February 21-24), and *Think Art* (February 28-March 3).

For additional information, please call 1-877-CHICAGO or visit [www.877chicago.com](http://www.877chicago.com).

## "3,000 Miles To Graceland"

**DALLAS, DEC. 26, 2001** - If you're feeling like a castaway this New Year's Eve, you're not alone. While it may seem that everyone else is out partying, most respondents to a recent survey by Blockbuster said their evening could be described as more like "Me, Myself & Irene" and "The Family Man" than a wild and crazy party trip like "3,000 Miles to Graceland."

Blockbuster posed the following question on [blockbuster.com](http://blockbuster.com):

**What Movie Title Best Describes Your Plans for New Year's Eve?**

"Me, Myself & Irene" (staying home with your sweetheart) 33%

"The Family Man" (staying home with your family) 22%

"Cast Away" (home alone) 17%

"Requiem for a Dream" (snoring in the New Year) 13%

"3000 Miles to Graceland" (traveling to another city to celebrate) 5%

"Although New Year's Eve has a reputation as a night for going out and partying, the truth is that most people spend the holiday at home with family and friends," said Jim Notarnicola.



John Stroger

## Stroger warns landlords about heating ordinance

Even though the weather has been unseasonably warm, Cook County Board president, John Stroger, recently reminded tenants and landlords that the County's seasonal heating ordinance is in effect.

The ordinance sets minimum indoor temperatures and is patterned after laws in the City of Chicago and most suburbs. It requires all dwelling units to have heating systems that warm rental units from September 15-June 1 to the following minimums:

63 degrees from 10:30pm to 7:30 am

65 degrees from 7:30am to 8:30 pm.

68 degrees from 8:30 am to 10:30 pm

"We encourage landlords to routinely inspect their building's heating system to make sure they work properly," said Stroger.

Tenants who believe their landlords are not meeting minimum heat standards should contact the Cook County Department of Building and Zoning at 312/603-0530.





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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Chicago Ridge Committee Meetings Schedule announced

The village of Chicago Ridge has announced that committee Meetings will be held every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm. Formal Board Meetings will be held every 1st and 3rd

Tuesday of the month at 8pm. All meetings are held in the Village Hall.

Some meetings are combined due to holidays. Combined meetings start at 7pm.

The dates are as follows:

January 7 & 8, 21 & 22

February 4 & 5, 19th

(combined due to President's Day)

March 4 & 5, 18 & 19

April 1 & 2, 15 & 16

May 6 & 7, 20 & 21

June 3 & 4, 17 & 18

July 1 & 2, 15 & 16

August 5 & 6, 19 & 20

September 3 (combined)  
September 16 & 17  
October 7 & 8, 21 & 22  
November 4 & 5, 18 & 19  
December 2 & 3, 16 & 17



## Meetings are interesting in Worth

By F.J. Soczek

The normally vociferous audience was uncharacteristically reticent Tuesday night at the Worth Village Board meeting.

But Worth resident Ted Wozek is not one to be upstaged by silence.

Ted is one of a rare breed of individuals who takes a proactive role in their municipal government.

Ted makes it a point to attend Village meetings.

All of them.

His attendance record is markedly better than at least one Trustee who actually gets paid to show up at these functions.

Whether good, bad or indifferent, Ted unabashedly makes his views known.

He is not always profound, but his opinions come from the heart.

Ted noticed what he felt was a distinct lack of holiday decorations extant in the village.

He inquired if the Village officials sponsored a house decorating contest.

"It's not like some of the other Villages," Ted decried.

Other towns appear to lavish great amounts of municipal funds on Christmas decorations.

"You drive down Harlem, it looks like the town is closed," Ted intimated.

President Ed Guzdziol explained the Village staff mailed a letter to each of the residents who took the time to decorate their homes. He preferred not to have a "competition," which would

hardly be in keeping with the spirit of the Season.

Clearly, Ted cares about his Village.

And, indeed, the people of Worth are indebted to the "Teds" of the town.

Trustee O'Connell requested the Village carefully review current waste collection practices and place the Village waste hauling contract out for competitive bidding.

O'Connell explained the Village's newly implemented yard waste pick up service significantly diminishes the obligations of Groen, the current contractor.

O'Connell hinted at numerous other nagging, service related problems with Groen.

The existing contract will expire in October, 2002.

Trustee Wierenga requested postponing approval of the projected 2002 capital expenditures for the Water's Edge golf course.

Wierenga noted issues such as landscaping, grounds maintenance and clubhouse decoration should be further evaluated in light of the tight budgetary constraints recommended following a less than optimum 2001 golf season.

The Board approved a \$400 expenditure for the purchase of Dream Weaver software to maintain the Village web site.

According to Village Clerk Bonnie Price, the new software will simplify the in-house updating and revisions of relevant data on the web site.

Additional funds in the amount of \$1,566 were allocated for Robinson Engineering.

The firm performed a topographic survey for the new recreational site, as well as preliminary work for the new building at the boat launch.

Trustee Werner noted he will be meeting with the Worth Park District to discuss the new recreational facility.

The board approved a business license for Tidal Wave Car Wash and Detail Center located at 6495 W. 111th Street.

Also approved was a business license for Elizabeth Ann Salon, 11350 South Harlem, pending approval by the Building Commissioner.

A request for a lot subdivision at 10814 S. 76th Ave. was tentatively approved pending proof of a plat of survey on the property.

The latter property currently has two formal lots with three address designations.

Trustee O'Connell announced the Village is in the process of replacing old water meters.

Trustee Adamski noted the Village snow removal equipment is ready. She also mentioned correspondence with Walgreens regarding several malfunctioning street lights.

President Ed Guzdziol announced Worth Township taxpayers have through January 8, 2002 to appeal their property assessment.

## Massage parlor granted license

by Jude Coyle

Trustee Joel Tomas presided in place of Mayor Gerald Bennett at the December 20, 2001/Palos Hills City Council Meeting.

Alderman Dan Scurek brought the Plan Commission recommendations before the Council for consideration. The Plan Commission recommended an uneven split of the property at 7913 W. 99th Street. Jason Conrad owns the property. Mr. Conrad asked for a 7.7% variation. The lot in question is 20,000 square feet. He is asking that it is split into two lots, one 11,000 and the other at 9,000. A house sits on the larger of the two parcels. This was agreed to.

The Council also agreed to allow a variance in lot size at 10537 S. 83rd Street. This is a 50-foot lot. Most lots in Palos Hills begin at 75 feet. A building also exists on this lot, but it has been condemned and will soon be demolished.

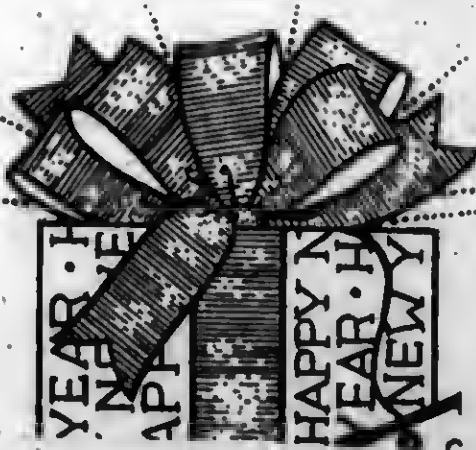
Back in August Alderman Scurek asked the Council for approval of a business license for Golden Sheers Ltd./Spa in the Hills. At that time the new owner, Angie Bour-nas, asked for a special use permit as she planned to add message therapy to the services performed at the Spa. City statute requires that any establishment performing messages must have certified therapists on staff. Until such time as the proper documentation could be provided by Spa In the Hills that certification existed, the Spa would be allowed to open, but without message therapy as part of their daily routine.

Alderman Scurek called this a 'class operation', remarking that he was certain that this operation was exactly what the owner claimed it to be. "It's just a matter of time and the proper paperwork," he explained. A Plan Commission hearing

was conducted on October 1, the minutes were passed on, and then brought before the Council on December 20.

Alderman Scurek went on to explain that Palos Hills had experienced trouble caused by illicit operations claiming to do message therapy. Several years earlier, officers conducted sting operations at two locations. At both facilities, officers were solicited.

For the protection the City and for the protection of legitimate operations like Spa In the Hills, the City has passed specific requirements for the operation of message parlors or like operations.





Village View  
Oak Lawn, Illinois

Cook County

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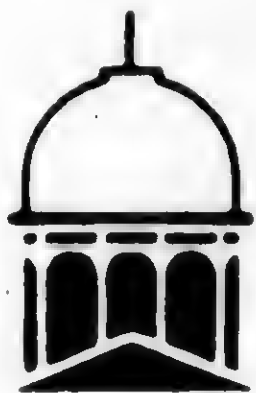
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